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USG tables budget, discusses funding requests

SARA GRAZIANO
STAFF WRITER

Monday night, USG put aside its budget problems and began to deal with fund requests.

Joe Stuart, chair of the Finance Committee, said last week's budget numbers were not correct, but final numbers are not yet available. "The reason the numbers are different is that there are stipends paid that we didn't know had been paid," Stuart said. "There were some things taken out that shouldn't have been taken out."

No numbers were available because USG treasurer Nick Gresko was unable to attend the meeting for personal problems.

As a result of the budget revision, USG has more money than previously thought.

"The budget is in better shape than we thought," Stuart said. "There's no reason to keep the fund requests tabled any longer."

USG allocated \$200 for the Black Issues Conference and \$250 for the Big Playground.

Ikechukwu Oguejiofor, World Student Association representative to USG, thought the allocation for the Black Issues Conference should have been larger.

"Events like the Black Issues

Conference don't happen every day on the University campus, and the one time that it does happen, it would be nice if USG would come out and support it," Oguejiofor said.

At-large representative Ashley Elder disagreed with USG's current method of co-sponsoring events.

"I think we need to stop doing tasks like this," Elder said. "I'm not against helping these organizations, but I think we need a more well thought out process."

After dealing with the fund requests, USG continued to work on its bylaws. When completed, the bylaws will provide day-to-day working guidelines for USG.

Most of the discussion about the bylaws centered around a new process for impeaching USG members and the method of appealing their impeachment.

Formerly, USG's judicial branch was involved in the impeachment process. Now the Internal Affairs Committee will investigate any reports of misconduct, and the General Assembly will conduct a trial and vote on impeachment proceedings.

"The most radical change in the impeachment process was getting rid of the judicial branch," said Kate Newnam, at-large representative. "We shifted the job of investigating misconduct to Internal Affairs, and

the role of the judicial branch is now played by the Student Traffic Court."

The new impeachment process also includes a way for USG members to appeal their impeachment to their constituents.

Originally, the bylaws called for 10 percent of any member's constituency to vote for their impeachment to be overturned. However, some members disagreed with this idea.

"Ten percent of an at-large representative's constituency is almost 2,000 people," Elder said. "Is this really feasible? Are that many students going to know what's going on?"

Jen Joyce, UAO representative, agreed.

"You can't get 1,700 people on this campus to do anything without bribing them."

The proposal was amended to call for 5 percent of a representative's constituents to approve them. Ten percent of the constituents will still be needed to override an executive's impeachment.

"The 5 versus 10 percent is simply because the president would have more at stake, and the representatives don't have quite as much notoriety," Newnam said. "We wanted this to be a matter of due process."



MICHAEL LEHMKUHLE/ The BG News

USG — Nick Froflear, left, and Ashley Elder look over funding requests at Monday's USG meeting. The members discussed the requests and new impeachment policies.

Speaker emphasizes 'Diversity in Action' at Bowling Green

IRENE SHARON SCOTT
CHIEF REPORTER

A motivational and inspirational speaker brought humor to a serious subject in front of a crowd of 100 people yesterday.

Steve Birdine, University of Indiana president of affirmation in action, presented a interactive dialogue on diversity. "Moving the Diversity Dialogue From Talk to Action" emphasized four major points.

These points were that people have different perspectives, normalcy is subjective, people must agree to disagree and people must not be afraid to make mistakes.

"It is through open and honest dialogue that we learn," he said.

Throughout his presentation, he used a variety of jokes and exercises to illustrate his message. His first exercise involved asking the audience about stereotypes of men, women, overweight people, and homosexuals.

"If you can get rid of stereotypes, then you are taking a step toward

making a difference on campus."

In another exercise, Birdine instructed the audience to look for something green in the room, then he asked about the color orange.

"We focus on what we want to see," he said. "We need to stop looking at the surface and look at the essence. This is a reason for troubles in relationships. If we can shift the focus, we will see more."

During the presentation, diversity was defined as an "inclusive process of appreciating how individuals with different background bring unique contribution to an organization or environment."

He said diversity isn't just black and white, it could be left-handed people in a right-handed world. It could be thin people and overweight people.

"At some point, we all represent diversity," he said.

Birdine said diversity training involves a person understanding their blind spot, recognizing and seeing solutions to resolving biases, developing actions that support that individual, and recognizing the

"We must acknowledge our cultural filters through which we view life. These filters — education, parents, media and friends — influence our interactions."

Steve Birdine

University of Indiana president of affirmation in action

importance of appreciating diversity and its impact on educational community and environment.

"The education system [K-12] must change," he said. "Children need to learn about African Americans, Latinos, women, Native Americans, Asian Americans and homosexuals. This knowledge breeds respect and helps dispel stereotypes."

In another exercise, he asked the audience how many F's they saw in a statement, the correct number was six but some people only found three.

"We must acknowledge our cultural filters through which we view life," he said. "These filters — education, parents, media and friends — influence our interactions," he said.

Wrapping up the presentation, Birdine encouraged students to appreciate the diverse community surrounding them.

"The only person you can change is you," he said. "People need to stop looking at the surface and look at the essence of the individual. Diversity is in sports and war. In war, they don't care how you use the bathroom, what matters is whether you know how to fight."

James Jackson, assistant director of Office of Residence Life in educational initiatives, said the speaker took an inclusive angle to diversity.

"He talked about diversity from in a humorous, common sense, logical, every day manner which makes it hard to disagree," he said.

Birdine spoke in real terms, said

LeKiesha Powell, junior sports enterprise major.

"If we had more speakers to tell people the truth this world would start in the right direction," she said. "Or even if students on all campus would use their resources and research their cultures and others, there would be less questions and confusion. He discussed issues that need to be addressed."

Angela Meraz, senior sport management, said Birdine's presentation was one that everyone could relate to.

"He used humor to tackle often uncomfortable topics and encouraged us all to understand why it is important to want to learn about the world and people around us," she said. "It was one of the best sessions on diversity I've been part of."

UAO defends spring concert

CRAIG GIFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Although the UAO Concert Committee chair says a concert is in the works, he would not give any specifics.

"You don't want to promise anybody something that you're not sure you can back up. We don't want to get anyone's hopes up unless we're sure," Brian Engelman said.

Engelman said UAO has sent out bids, but at this point nothing is signed. He would not reveal what bands were sent bids.

Earlier in the school year, the committee sent out a survey to the student body, asking them if they wanted to see a concert on campus and what kind. From those who filled it out, UAO received an overwhelming response of 99 percent who did want a concert of some sort to be brought to campus.

The committee has contacted many bands, according to Engelman, each of which are currently on tour or will be starting a tour in the spring.

Engelman said that the committee is on task and organized with trying to bring a band in to the University.

"We are exactly where we need to be,"

UAO must go through a number of steps before they can bring a band to perform at the University.

"These things take some time to get finalized," Engelman said.

In order for a concert to come to the University or any other venue, there needs to be a signed ryder and a signed contract.

"Once you have a signed ryder and a signed contract then you have a concert. We are not at that point

● See UAO, page 8.

ROTC



MICHAEL LEHMKUHLE/ The BG News

SPLASH — Captain Jeff Winston helps cadets of the Army ROTC lunge off the diving board, Monday, in full gear, as part of their annual water survival training. The exercises promote confidence building and teach cadets what they are capable of doing under adverse conditions.

Prout Hall closing causes students to find alternative living arrangements

PAUL MITSARDER
GUEST WRITER

One month after being forced to move out, many former Prout Hall residents still prefer Prout to their current living situation.

Former Prout residents said they preferred living in Prout because of the location, which put them at the center of the University. They also liked being able to meet the various students that walked by Prout every day.

"Prout was nice because I was always within a couple of minutes of my classes," said sophomore journalism major Francis Artz, who now lives in a fraternity house. "Now, it takes me 10 or more minutes to get to class and dealing with the winter weather makes it even worse."

Of the 218 people who were in Prout at the end of the fall semester, 152 chose to continue to live on campus.

Twenty-seven students live in Offenhauer West and East; 20 are in Kreischer, 15 in Harshman, 26 in McDonald Hall, 11 in Kohl, 26 in Rodgers, 16 in Founders, 10 in Greek housing and one student lives in the French House.

Several ex-Prout residents also preferred living in Prout because of the atmosphere and friendly nature of other residents.

Carrie Webber, freshman undecided, who was relocated to Kreischer, liked the openness of the people in Prout.

"In Prout, everyone left their doors open, but nobody does in Kreischer. Everyone already knows

"In Prout, everyone left their doors open, but nobody does in Kreischer. Everyone already knows each other, so it's difficult trying to get to know an entire new floor of people."

Carrie Webber

freshman undecided

each other, so it's difficult trying to get to know an entire new floor of people," she said.

Freshman Christin Hogan, undecided, now living in Kohl, agreed.

"Kohl is okay, but the big thing is that when you move in the middle of the year, everyone already has their group of friends. Many aren't willing to put in as much effort to meeting others as they may have at the beginning of the year."

New Offenhauer resident Nadia Davis, sophomore undecided, also liked the people of Prout better.

"Our floor seems like an apartment, where everyone keeps to themselves," Davis said.

Besides the students that graduated, some students decided to move off campus.

Sophomore sports management major, Mike Wolf, who lives in an apartment, said he enjoys the freedom that he has.

"I can come and go when I choose. I also like cooking my own food and not having to rely on the dorm food."

Although moving residences in the middle of the year can be difficult, most students found the actual moving process ran smoothly. The Office of Residence Life employed a

moving crew to assist with the move and Prout Hall was opened earlier than other dorms to ease the transition of Prout residents.

Jim Zentmeyer, associate director for residence life, housing and operations, oversaw the move and did not receive many complaints.

"The only complaint was that one student wanted to come in on the Wednesday before classes started, and Prout wasn't going to be staffed until the following day. Other than that, things ran pretty smoothly."

Zentmeyer, however, said closing down Prout half-way throughout the year wasn't the best situation, but having it open for the first semester enabled the University to admit more students.

There are some former Prout residents who like their new living situation better. Offenhauer residents Kevin Minnig and Theresa Virost both like the larger size of the Offenhauer rooms.

"I was not glad that I was forced to move due to the hassle, but now that we're settled in, I prefer Offenhauer," Minnig said.

Virost agreed.

"Offenhauer West is a lot cleaner than Prout was and is also newly renovated," said Virost.



■ Brandon Pardon has been an essential component in this season's winning men's team.

WORLD

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The World In Brief

Car bomb blast kills two in Spain, news reports say

VITORIA, Spain (AP) — A car-bomb blast killed two people Tuesday in the Basque town of Vitoria in northern Spain, news reports said.

The explosion occurred shortly after 4:30 p.m. on a university campus about 200 yards from the headquarters of the president of the Basque regional government, the Europa Press news agency said, quoting witnesses.

In December, the Basque separatist group ETA announced an end to a 14-month truce, sparking fears of a resurgence of separatist violence in Spain. ETA has killed an estimated 800 people in their 32-year-old struggle for independence for the region, which straddles the border of France and Spain.

No group claimed responsibility for Tuesday's attack, which killed a man and a woman, reports said.

The Nation In Brief

Two death row inmates release guard after standoff

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — A death row inmate jimmied the lock to his cell door at what's supposed to be one of the most secure prisons in Texas and teamed with another inmate to hold a guard hostage for 13 hours before surrendering peacefully Tuesday.

The guard, Jeanette Bledsoe, 57, was overpowered Monday afternoon, then handcuffed and shackled in a room adjacent to the death row cells of Ponchai Wilkerson, 28, and Howard Guidry, 23.

The standoff at the Terrell Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice ended when the two inmates were allowed to see a group of capital punishment opponents from Houston. Bledsoe was unharmed.

"We don't negotiate with inmates," prison spokesman Larry Todd said. "But common sense tells you the first priority was the safety of the officer. We feel it was a small price to pay."

Wilkerson, convicted of killing a Houston jewelry store clerk, is scheduled to be executed on March 14. Guidry, convicted of killing a woman in a murder-for-hire plot, has no date scheduled.

Iran reformists promise freedoms

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — With all indications that hard-liners will lose control of Iran's parliament, the triumphant reformists presented a legislative agenda Tuesday with a priority on expanding press freedoms and lifting a ban on foreign television broadcasts.

But it remained to be seen whether hard-liners will find a way to block those initiatives. The conservative Guardians Council can veto all legislation passed by parliament, and supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the main backer of the conservative camp, has final say in all matters.

Iranians expressed their desire for greater political and social freedoms in Friday's election for the Majlis, or parliament, by overwhelmingly choosing members of reformist groups like the Iran Islamic Participation Front, led by President Mohammad Khatami's brother.

The reformist coalition has won 141 seats, including 109 by the Participation Front, and appeared poised to have a majority in the 290-member Majlis. Results for 30 seats were to be declared later Tuesday in

Tehran, with reformists expected to win almost all of them. Hard-liners have won 44 seats, independents have won 10 and 65 will be decided in runoff elections.

Mohammadreza Khatami, the head of the Participation Front, said he is confident hard-liners will not risk angering a majority of Iranians by using the powers they still have to block reforms.

"What is important is the rule of law and judgment of the people, and the election clarified the desires of people," he said.

Iran's remarkably free press and live broadcasts of parliamentary proceedings also could keep conservatives from resorting to heavy-handed methods.

Hard-liners have said little as election returns were counted, but at least one conservative lawmaker in the departing parliament indicated that they will accept defeat gracefully.

"We will not change our principles and positions, but it is natural that we should reconsider our policies and methods," Mohammadreza Bahonar was quoted as saying by the independent newspaper Iran Vij on Tuesday.



Associated Press Photo

VOTING — Iranian women fill out their ballots voting for Parliamentary elections in Tehran Friday, Feb. 18. An estimated 40 million Iranians over the age of 16 are eligible to vote in these elections.



Associated Press Photo

KOSOVO — British soldiers scan buildings in the northern Serb-dominated part of Kosovska Mitrovica, searching for possible snipers, near the western, main bridge of this divided city.

Yugoslav troops moving into Serbia

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia — The divided city of Kosovska Mitrovica was calm today, a day after NATO-led peacekeepers fired tear gas to prevent thousands of ethnic Albanians from crossing a bridge into Serb-controlled areas.

U.S. paratroopers sent here from southeastern Kosovo as reinforcements manned barricades on the bridge Tuesday, relieving the British who bore the brunt of Monday's clashes.

French, British, Canadian and Danish soldiers on Monday used armored personnel carriers as barricades, blocking demonstrators who tried to force their way across the bridge spanning the Ibar River. About 4,000 Serbs were waiting on the north side, determined to battle the ethnic Albanians.

As many as 50,000 ethnic Albanians marched to Kosovska Mitrovica on Monday to demand an end to the city's ethnic bloodshed.

Recent tensions began after a Feb. 2 grenade attack on a U.N. bus killed two elderly Serbs south of the city. That triggered a round of revenge attacks that have left nine people dead and scores injured.

NATO's secretary-general, Lord George Robertson, said Monday there was "no doubt that (Yugoslav President Slobodan) Milosevic will have a hand in some of the provocations being organized on the Serb side."

"There is clearly rising tension in the southern part of Serbia and large numbers of additional Yugoslav troops have moved into the area," Robertson added. "And I would warn anybody who seeks to be provocative in that part of the world on whatever side of the divide they

may be that again we will not tolerate action being taken."

Both the United States and Yugoslavia have blamed each other for heightening tensions in Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo's most multi-ethnic city.

In an effort to relax the confrontational atmosphere, French Gen. Pierre de Saqui de Sannes said the start of the nightly curfew had been pushed back from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. He also said weapons searches had been suspended, although peacekeepers reserved the right to resume them "where we want, when we want."

In New York, Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, accused the Yugoslav government in Belgrade of fomenting the latest unrest. His view was shared by Gen. Wesley Clark, the NATO commander in Europe.

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Denise Domanski
columnist
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All the Small Things...

My sister was home from school this weekend. She's 15 months younger than me. She goes to Hocking College, near Athens, and plays in the trees. But she likes the outdoors, so whatever. Anyway, we weren't getting along at all for a few months and I forgot how much fun we can have when we get along.

I'll leave out why we were fighting. It was a dumb fight, but if you have siblings of the same sex, that are close in age, you can probably figure out what we were fighting about. Anyway, now we're getting along.

Let me tell you, I was all out of sorts when we were fighting. I worry about her, and the lack of news nearly drove me up the wall.

I hate not knowing what to worry about. Anyway, since we were both home at the same time - rarely does this ever happen anymore - my mom's been bugging us to go through a hanging bar of clothes for the last, like, year. Saturday night, before we both went out, we trooped off to the basement, heading for the racks. We started with the oldest clothes first. I haven't laughed that hard in months. We tried on shirts from high school. The shirts were, how would one say, not very flattering. Let's just say that our figures have improved since then. Vastly improved.

We did manage to get rid of some stuff that we haven't worn in ages, though. Of course, there were those pieces that we just couldn't part with. Like those shirts we got from ISF and other conferences that we'll never wear again, but want to make into a T-shirt quilt, just as soon as one of us learns to quilt. By the way, if someone is willing to teach us, e-mail me, please.

Also, there is nothing better than ganging up on someone with

my sister. My mom has felt the brunt of our wrath. So have some resilient friends and some people that we don't call friends anymore. People standing in line, trumpy girls in handkerchief shirts and folks in traffic have heard us get after them.

Speaking of getting upset, there is not much that is more impassioned than fights between sisters. Our friends tell stories about the fights that we've had. They've turned into legends. I have no idea what the original fight was about, but it ended with the classic line from my sister, "My GPA is higher than yours." Which it was. How does one respond to that? I was silenced. Then, there was the fight about who would go to pick up the pizza. She went. Finally, a fight I won. She has perfected the "wear them down until they crack" move.

Don't get me wrong. We do get along famously. One reason for this could be that we're so close in size. We wear the same shoe size. We wear the same coat size. She's a bit bigger on top than me, so the shirts are negotiable. Hers are a touch big on me, and mine are a lit-

tle tight on her. But this doesn't stop either one of us from taking the other one's stuff.

Yeah, this column was kind of silly. But I was at a loss. This warm weather is just giving me the riles. My sister is an amazing girl. I just wish she would stop stealing my clothes.

Denise Domanski is a junior TCOM major. She may still have interview slots open. But she'll let you know next week. E-mail her if you want an interview. If you can quilt, PLEASE e-mail her at ddomanski@bgnet.bgsu.edu.



Denise

Denise's Sister

Word of the Day

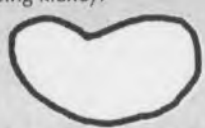
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Pronunciation: 'kin · drəd
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Etymology: Middle English, from kin, and Old English r[AE]den— condition, from r[AE]dan—to advise, read.
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1a: a group of related individuals;
b: one's relatives;
2: family relationship
also: 'kinship

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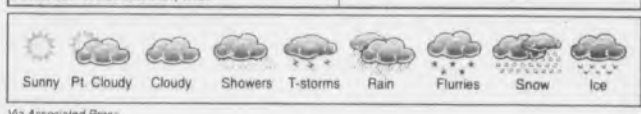
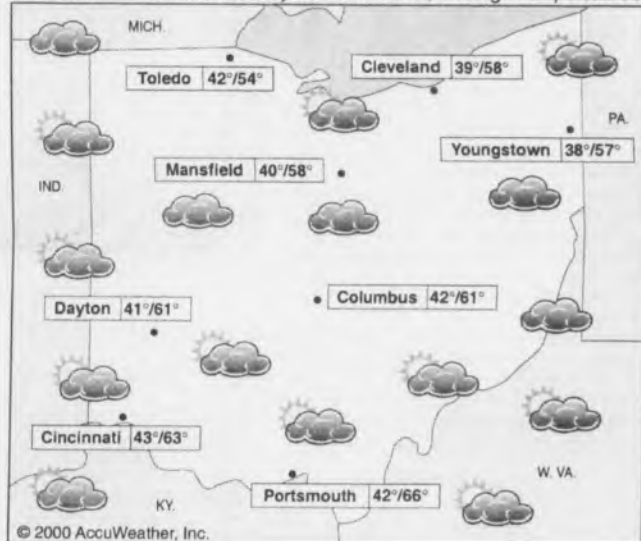
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AMC	Movie: ★★ "The Big Carnival" (1951, Drama) Kirk Douglas, Jan Sterling. A reporter exploits the sufferings of a cave-in victim.	Movie: ★★ "The Return of Frank James" (1940, Western) Henry Fonda, Gene Tierney.	Behind the Screen	Movie: ★★ "The Touch of Mink" (1962, Comedy) Cary Grant, Doris Day. A tycoon romances an unemployed New Yorker.	South Park	Man Show	Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money	Movie: ★★ "The Green Berets" (1968, Drama) John Wayne, David Janssen, Jim Hutton. A cynical anti-war newsman is assigned to a career soldier.	Movie: ★★ "The Man Who Would Be King" (1975)	Movie: ★★ "The Man Who Would Be King" (1975)
COM	Saturday Night Live	Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money	Movie: ★★ "The Scour" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Albert Brooks. A baseball scout discovers a talented but trouble player.	Survive V	Breakout	Fortress Escapes	On the Inside	Real LAPD	On the Inside	Real LAPD
DISC	Your New House	Installing garage door opener. (R)	Wild Discovery	Everglades - Life in the Sea of Grass	On the Inside	Real LAPD	On the Inside	Real LAPD	On the Inside	Real LAPD	On the Inside
ESPN	Sportscenter	College Basketball	Villanova at Syracuse. (Live)	College Basketball	North Carolina at Florida State. (Live)	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter
HBO	(5-15) Movie: "Pink Cadillac" (1989, Comedy) Clint Eastwood. A bondsman must protect the woman he was assigned to capture. (In Stereo) PG-13	20th Century	Discharged Without Honor	The Brownsville Raid	Civil War Combat	The Bloody Lane at Antietam	Lost Marvels	On the Inside	Real LAPD	On the Inside	Real LAPD
HST	Partners in Crime	Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid	20th Century	Discharged Without Honor	The Brownsville Raid	Civil War Combat	The Bloody Lane at Antietam	Lost Marvels	On the Inside	Real LAPD	On the Inside
FSO	FOX Sports	Last Word	NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Lakers at Cleveland Cavaliers	Gund Arena. (Live)	FOX Sports News	Toughman	World Champ.	On the Inside	Real LAPD	On the Inside
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Genocide answer to all problems

For a while it was just me and the ants. One day fearless armies of the fragile-looking horrors began setting up housekeeping in my closets and cupboards, quietly taking over.

I don't know who they thought they were fooling. We started out amiably enough. They would wander around the apartment in a disoriented manner, like lost soldiers on a survival training drill, and I would take pity on them.

"Ooh, look, wild animals," I would coo affectionately. "My, aren't they tiny?"

So naturally they began to feel safe. Meanwhile, I was trying to have them gassed at the first opportunity.

"Saturate the place with pesticides," I'd hiss violently at my landlord during secret meetings.

"Leave no biscuit unturned."

Well, they kept promising to come but they never did. Soon my little friends began to copulate with such unrestrained passion that every corner was like a Swedish bathhouse. Within weeks, my apartment boasted the largest Metropolitan Ant Center in the building.

There were seamy ant brothels run by the Queen, and taverns where worker ants could get a little pick-me-up after a hard day. The colony quickly became temperamental and bossy, and moved into my sock drawer.

After that, life with the Colony became routine. Before I went to bed the ants would nip out for an after-dinner stroll in a horizontal line along my bedroom wall. They would sing little marching songs and tell dirty jokes. Helpless, I used to just lie back and watch them, thinking deep, philosophical thoughts.



Michelle Reiter
columnist

"How do they get their jobs?" I mused.

"If I were an ant, what kind of an ant would I be?"

I decided I would have applied for a job as a scout, as it was the only way I'd get out from under the Queen's ruthless tyranny.

"I could never subscribe to that work ethic," I'd mutter.

Things were like this for months. During times I might have spent appreciating my educational opportunities (i.e., doing homework), I would spend observing the ants as they continued to multiply. This they did with zeal, apparently late at night, after the taverns closed.

At 3 a.m. I could hear tinny echoes of Barry Manilow floating from my sock drawer, accompanied by passionate cries of "Long live the colony!" and I knew that soon I'd have new friends marching defiantly across my walls.

But the fun ended the day I found them lounging, helping themselves to a plate of biscuits in the kitchen. They were also on the counter, on the stove, and piecing together love dens in the cupboard. I froze in horror.

My face turned red.

"That's it," I seethed.

"The colony must die."

With that I whirled around and went to the grocery store. There I found rows of lethal pesticides, each one guaranteed to cause pain, suffering, and finally death to household ants. I bought one of everything and raced home with feverish, genocidal thoughts dancing in my head, returning to Ant Metropolitan with enough pesticide to wipe out a small country.

First I carefully placed the ant motels all over the apartment; these operated like miniature dispensers of the Black Plague. Only one ant need dust its thorax or other disgusting ant part with its poison, and the whole Colony would die an agonizing, merciless death.

I chuckled fiendishly.

"Copulate in my sock drawer, will you," I said.

Of course they were too smart for these, edging around them and laughing. How they seemed to pity me.

"I think I'll stay at the ANT MOTEL tonight, Stan," one would say to the other, winking.

Stan would just find this hysterical.

Next I broke out the giant cans of pesticide that smelled like a spring meadow. To apply it I was forced to wear a mask, rubber gloves and goggles. The directions suggestion that when you press the release valve, you should laugh in a scary, wildlife-hating manner.

So I did.

I said, "Ha, ha, ha!" and drenched my entire apartment in pesticide.

Soon everything smelt of flowers and chemicals. And the ants — well, they were no longer laughing.

Ants, writhing in agony, choked and gasped to a pitiable end everywhere, cursing my name and promising to haunt the drains forever.

"You'll never get away with this," they cried, falling into repulsive little heaps.

"Maybe you should have paid rent," I sneered without a trace of mercy.

"Neeveeeerrrr..." they cried. Then all was silent.

It was just like Sodom and Gomorrah. I wrung my hands with a lunatic pleasure feeling sure I had stopped sin in its tracks, and purged all copulating wildlife from my quarters. I felt so self-righteous, cleansed and gratified: I was now in charge of my sock drawer again, not to mention my biscuits.

Maybe I would get a cat.

And so my life went back to normal (though by now you have probably guessed that "normal" isn't very), and I forgot about the ants and their vicious threats. Then one day I was cleaning the bathroom when I heard far-away, ghostly echoes of Barry Manilow floating up through the drain.

A second later I saw a small black head poking through in the bathtub. I screamed, looking heavenward, and screamed, "Why? Why!"

I think I'll move.

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PEOPLE on the street

Question: Do you think that UAO should reveal what bands that they bid on for a spring concert?



John Price
Senior Spanish

"Yeah, the student body should know, but I also think that I should see Ribeau on campus."



Chris Nickerson
Senior Film

"If they want to start building up interest, then yeah."



Brent Willbond
Sophomore T-Comm

"Who cares? The bands usually suck anyway."



Chris Sucher
Freshman Marketing

"Doesn't matter to me."



Ryan Burghard
Sophomore Drawing

"Yeah, they should have a majority vote, and let people decide. And I have no clue what I'm talking about."

Letters to the Editor

BGSU student's column too negative

We would like to begin by saying the following paragraphs are not a direct attack on Mr. David Tran, but that we would like to refute some of your statements.

First things first, whether we like it or not, the University IS a business. It is the job of the tour guides to sell Bowling Green State University to prospective students. For this reason, it would be ridiculous for the guides to talk about the negative aspects of the University.

Secondly, any University that enrolls close to 20,000 students will be congested with people at times, common sense would tell you so.

The Health Center, last time we checked, wasn't a full service hospital. It offers help for minor illnesses and if it's serious, Wood County Hospital is a three-minute drive from campus. This is why the Health Center is only open during the week, because if you need serious medical attention, the Health Center wouldn't be the place to go anyway.

Mr. Tran, we admit the diversity here at BGSU is suspect, but the University is trying its best to reverse that trend.

But now come on, attacking the weather? Any perspective student coming to BG knows that the winters in Northwest Ohio are not the prettiest. Once again, that's just common sense.

As for the off-campus activities like the drag shows, why would the tour guides talk about that? So what does that have to do with the campus, nothing. It's a tour of Bowling Green's campus, not the entire city of BG.

And finally, those who choose to drink alcohol, don't just drink to get drunk. We know many people who enjoy the taste of an ice cold beer after a long week of classes to relax. Sure, there are those people who are irresponsible with their alcohol consumption, but let's give some credit to those who are responsible.

Mr. Tran, no disrespect, but is it necessary to use the word "penis" for comedic effect? Once, fine, but four times it seems like you are trying to get people's attention with grade school humor.

Just like you said, all universities have their downsides and BGSU is no different, but is it necessary to focus on the negative things on a day when around 6,000 prospective students from all over the U.S. will be visiting? Ever hear of school spirit and pride?

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Fencing member recognizes team

First of all, thank you for the coverage of the BG Classic fencing tournament, we in the fencing club really appreciate it.

The reason I'm writing, is that while the members of the club that placed were acknowledged, there were some folks in the fencing class here at the University that didn't get the recognition they deserve. In novice foil, BG student Devon Zoeller

placed third, John Anderson placed first out of eighteen fencers, and all the members of the class that participated did very well overall. This is a wonderful accomplishment for them, since the BG Classic was their first tournament.

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Road not taken is actually grassy

Congratulations, you have just begun to read this opinion column. Today I will take you on a rebellious journey that anybody can do and not feel to guilty about it. Just what the hell am I taking about?

I am talking about not walking on the sidewalks the University provides us.

First off you might be asking yourself why the "Hector Comacho" I'm writing about such a stupid thing?

Well the answer is that we all do things that we shouldn't do but not feel one bit of guilt doing it. All, if not most of us, are lazy in some way and this laziness can be noticeable through our sidewalk manners.

The only reason I'll take a sidewalk on campus is if it is going directly to my destination, or if my shortcut is hindered in some way, such as mud, puddles, snow drifts, and so on. It just seems ridiculous to follow the sidewalk completely to your destination because it'll take you out of your direct path and make you take goofy sharp turns. If you are in a hurry, you sure as Jack Schmidt won't have time to follow the goofy-ass sidewalks on campus.

Another reason why others and I don't use the sidewalks on campus is because they are in worse shape than the ground itself.

For example, some sidewalks are getting all worn out — for example, beside the library. If you have a retarded foot, it spells trouble! Another reason would be snowy weather and poor salting by the University. Sometimes it is safer just to walk in the snow than it is to walk on the sidewalk.

What I mean by this is that you can get more traction from walking on the snow than you can get from walking on an icy sidewalk.

Sometimes I wonder if the University really cares where we walk. The area where everybody walks across the grass by Olscamp and Anderson arena had woodchips



Brian Ranzenberger
columnist

placed in it last year. Now if I were a smart architect, I would let students walk paths into campus and then place the sidewalks where people go. This way there will be fewer people walking on the great grassy green grass of Bowling Green.

I say that we should just walk on the grass because we are paying for the upkeep of it. If the University wouldn't use sprinklers and mow it then I might reconsider my decision of walking on something we don't pay for. We might as well make as much use out of stuff we pay for since we always seem to get rapped by high expenses on every campus tidbit.

Go ahead and call me a fool but Mr. T would walk on the grass if he had the chance too! He would say something like, "Listen up fool, don't be a sucka and follow what some other fool placed out for you, set out your own path and direction."

A regular BGSU student told me, "I don't walk on the sidewalks because their placement on campus from location to location doesn't make sense to me."

I did find one student that does follow the sidewalks but that is because of a bum ankle. She said, "I didn't realize how poorly the sidewalks were done until I had to attempt to appreciate what they did for me."

She realized exactly how poor the

condition of the sidewalk was in some places because a crutch would prefer a flat surface than a rigid, bumpy, worn out sidewalk. She also found out how frustrating to take the sidewalk all the way to it's corner because it took her out of her way when she would already be late because of her bum ankle.

This should be a wake up call for the University to at least improve the condition of the sidewalk itself in places. It is tough enough being physically challenged in a way and then having to deal with crappy walking or wheel chairing. It also might be a good idea to make some changes, because visitors such as tour groups, parents and city people may think that the University doesn't maintain itself well enough.

Just a little thing like a sidewalk can set it off.

The people that do make the shortcuts don't feel the guilt because they could care less about the shotty sidewalks.

They are more concerned about getting to the class that they don't really give a damn about at 8:30 in the morning for an exam. To these people, everything is the sidewalk.

If you actually think about it, not following the sidewalk can be down right funky and rebellious. You won't be following the path set for you, and you won't have to follow the crowd's pace. Passing people by use of the grass will allow you to set your own pace.

Just screw everyone else, you are going to do your own thing and at your own pace. Nobody can do a damn thing about it either unless they are a fairy princess or something. Live your own life and don't let the uncanny mules get you down.

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Poe house sparks literary scuffle

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — For four to eight months in the mid-1840s Edgar Allan Poe and his ailing wife lived in a four-story brick home in Greenwich Village, at the center of New York's thriving literary scene.

Basking in the acclaim that followed the publication of "The Raven" a short time earlier, the master of Gothic horror either did start a major new short story, produce important poems and soak up experiences that influenced his later work.

The details aren't just academic. In a neighborhood where real estate now commands the rapt interest literature once enjoyed, the West Third Street home is at the center of a dispute between Poe devotees and the building's powerful landlord, New York University.

NYU, which dominates the area near Washington Square Park, uses the Poe building for law school offices and student workspace but is considering knocking it down.

Quoth the Poe devotees. "Nevermore!"

"This is the last tangible connection to Poe in Manhattan," said Jeffrey Savoye of the Edgar Allan Poe

Society of Baltimore. "We've torn down all the other places that he lived, places that he worked, places that he visited. There's nothing left but this house. It's part of the literary heritage."

NYU contends the building has little literary significance.

No one disputes that Poe lived in the 85 W. Third St. home — then known as 85 Amity St. — in late 1845 and early 1846.

University officials point out that the master of the macabre moved several times a year for much of his life leaving communities up and down the East Coast boasting of "Poe houses."

Philadelphia has the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site, Baltimore brags of the Edgar Allan Poe House and Museum, and in Richmond, Va., the Edgar Allan Poe Museum sits just a few blocks from one of the writer's former residences.

Closer to Greenwich Village, Poe fans can trek to the Edgar Allan Poe Cottage in the Bronx or visit a cafe named for him at the site of one of his other homes, on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

"He lived in nine places in Manhattan alone in the decade of 1837 to

1846," said Lynne Brown, an NYU spokeswoman. "This happens to be one of them. The university's position is that the building itself is not of historic or architectural significance."

NYU's law school just bought a structure adjacent to the Poe building and now owns the entire north side of the block, making it an appealing site for development. Brown said that the school had not yet decided what to do with the building, but that demolition is under consideration.

"It would be a logical site" for new construction, she said. "I don't say we have to slavishly follow logic, but we shouldn't defy it."

Some Poe fans and scholars are appalled.

Michael Deas, a Poe expert, said the writer lived in the building for six to eight months at a very eventful and productive time, shortly after making his name with "The Raven."

"It's just sad that a cultural institution, a university, would demolish the home of one of America's literary giants," Deas said. "Eighteen forty-five was the most critical year of Poe's life. That's the year he became a literary lion."



Associated Press Photo

POE — The building at 85 West Third Street in the heart of New York's Greenwich Village, which is believed to be the house of Edgar Allan Poe, is the center of an argument that pits a group of Poe devotees against the building's powerful landlord.

Philanthropy spurs after-school programs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The buses at Public School 27 have long gone, but fifth-grader Shanna Holmes is still in a classroom, busily creating an elaborate pop-up greeting card.

The 10-year-old is one of 235 children in the Crossroads After-School Program at the Brooklyn school. When she and her classmates master cutting milk cartons into cards, they will teach the technique to residents at a nearby home for mentally handicapped adults.

"It's fun," Shanna said of the program. "I like staying in school after school. It's a lot better than being at home. At home all I do is watch TV and be alone."

After-school programs like that at Public School 27 are a growing trend nationwide, spurred on by charity foundations which, in turn, get help from community groups and government.

Free after-school programs are popular with parents, especially as the number of working mothers increase.

Socorro Perez, a mother of second- and seventh-grade boys, said she had problems helping them with their homework — her first language is Spanish — before enrolling them in the program.

"It's helped them a lot," she said. "Before they stayed at home. Sometimes I had to contact a friend to help with the English homework."

The government has become an enthusiastic supporter of after-school programs. This year it allocated \$454 million to help support centers in 1,600 rural and inner-city schools in 49 states.

"There's been exponential growth in after-school programs,"

says Adrienne de Kanter, a special adviser to the U.S. Department of Education. "It's been a silent revolution."

At P.S. 27 in New York, principal Marilyn Fuenes says the after-hours program has given her school — and its students — a new spirit.

"Two years ago, nothing was happening. The kids couldn't play. They would go to school and then go home," she said. "Now the school has come to life."

Shanna's low-income, dockside neighborhood has one of the city's largest public-housing projects, and 97 percent of P.S. 27 students receive free school lunches.

The Crossroads program at P.S. 27 is a partnership between Good Shepherd Services, a neighborhood community group, and The After-School Corporation, which provided the funding.

Philanthropist George Soros started the corporation in April 1998, pledging up to \$125 million over five years to create after-school programs in New York City public schools, the nation's largest district.

The corporation has created nearly 100 after school programs for 26,000 children. This school year, its budget is \$36 million, with more than \$25 million coming from private and public coffers. Operating for three hours from Monday through Friday, the programs cost about \$1,000 each year per child.

The Crossroads programs are designed to enrich learning and 45 minutes are devoted to homework, but they have a wide range of recreational activities, too.

"Sometimes you have to take the reins off a little," says John Powell, 24, a volunteer in the P.S. 27 program.



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HELP — Second grader Shanniqua Robinson gets help with her homework by her "homework buddy," Chris Betta, after school at Public School 27 in Brooklyn.

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Beyond 2000 readies for ice cream season

KIMBERLY DUPPS
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With March around the corner, seasonal ice cream shops will begin to open and warmer weather will cause students to crave their favorite ice cream.

Located at 133 S. Main St., Beyond 2000 Ice Cream shouldn't show any signs of rust from the winter months. The shop opened its doors last May and has served the Bowling Green community ever since.

Beyond 2000 is owned by Jim and Sandy Cady and Laura and Jeremy Hodgkins. The shop's specialty is its 30 flavors of Hershey's ice cream.

"When I heard about Hershey's, I called them and we started sampling

their ice cream," Jim Cady said. "There were 120 to 130 different flavors of ice cream that we tried. Some of it is seasonal, like watermelon, but the samples were high quality."

Cady attributes the quality of the ice cream to the butter fat that Hershey's uses to make their ice cream.

"We just tried the ice cream and found the kinds that we liked," Cady said. "We had a feeling for what flavors the public would like."

Beyond 2000 also offers a flavor of the month to see which varieties the customers like. Favorites so far include Moose Tracks, Peanut Butter Cup and Cookies and Cream.

"They have a good variety," said Megan McClanahan, a customer from Toledo. "There is stuff that I haven't even heard of."

In addition to perplexing ice cream flavors, some menu items may be unfamiliar as well.

"It's an old-fashioned ice cream parlor with your banana splits, sundaes and old-fashioned ice cream sodas; but students are too young to know what an ice cream soda is," Cady said, explaining. "It's a syrup based drink that is made with seltzer water and ice cream."

The shop's 1950s atmosphere adds to the enjoyment of this tasty traditional drink, said Cady.

"If you look around, you see the 1950s style decorations," Cady said, noting the records, poodle skirts and other 1950s memorabilia that adorn the walls. "The booth seats are the pattern of a 1957 Chevy."

This ambience is enjoyed by the customers. "I think the whole '50s

style is pretty cool," said Amanda Laird of Youngstown.

McClanahan agreed, saying, "It's a '50s-style malt shop. I love it."

The 1950s style of Beyond 2000 includes something other than ice cream: sock hops. Beyond 2000, along with WBGU and Dance Marathon, sponsored a sock hop last weekend and is planning another sock hop sometime in March.

When the store is not hopping, it is an inviting place for families and students to eat ice cream and do homework.

"It's cute," McClanahan said. "It's a homey place to just sit and eat ice cream."

Anyone can come and eat ice cream at Beyond 2000 Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until midnight.



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BLAST FROM THE PAST — Beyond BG 2000 Ice Cream recaptures the essence of the 1950s soda shop, with a checkered floor, classic booths and poodle skirt decorations.

Toledo worried about losing its well-educated

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO—With unemployment unusually low, states and cities throughout America's heartland are under pressure to keep their best and brightest from leaving for better jobs and beachfront living.

Cities such as Toledo have organized groups to stop the well-educated from fleeing and to persuade their smartest sons and daughters to come home.

"It's a huge task," said Tracy Sallah, head of a volunteer group fighting what some call brain drain. "It's not something that's going to be solved in a month or a year."

In the United States, industrial development and the growth of urban centers began pulling young people away from small towns early in the century.

The advent of the interstate highway system and air travel made it easier for young people to study and work farther from home. Now the Internet is a shortcut to jobs in more exciting locales, especially for those with technology skills that are in high demand.

In Toledo, city leaders began exploring the brain drain issue last summer after the city's daily newspaper reported that the more education Toledoans have, the more likely they are to leave. Census figures

show that for every two young people who move to Toledo, three leave.

Mayor Carty Finkbeiner appointed Sallah to lead Foundations for the Future — a group focused on creating more job and social opportunities for young people.

"I want people to take us seriously," Sallah said. "This is important to us, it's important to our community."

"Our city needs to stand up for itself."

A top priority is reshaping the city's image of a tired industrial town.

"We need to feel good about ourselves," she said.

Supporters say the city of 300,000 needs more downtown apartments and nightclubs. Others say better paying jobs are the answer to keeping folks.

It won't be easy to convince everyone to stay.

Even the committee fighting brain drain has lost two of its members to better jobs in bigger cities.

Sallah, though, said she is not discouraged and understands that young people often have a need to leave their hometown.

"I would encourage my own children to go out and explore the world," she said. "I think it's perfectly normal and it creates a more well-rounded individual."

The Blot

Compiled by Stefanie Sizemore

City Police Blotter

Thursday:

Andrea Small, Findlay, was cited for speeding on the corner of N. Enterprise and Frazee.

Richard Goldberg, Georgia, was cited for speeding on S. Main.

Bianca Hayes, Portage, reported that her ex-boyfriend has been harassing her.

Rhonda Specks, Bowling Green, requested that police remove two unwanted subjects from her apartment on the 300 block of Colony Lane.

Carrie Hayward, Bowling Green, found a calico cat on the 100 block of N. Church.

Lloyd Schneider, Millbury, was cited for speeding on E. Poe.

Elizabeth Rovman, Bowling Green, reported items missing from her apartment on S. Summit.

Jim Andrzejewski, Bowling Green, reported that he has been receiving annoying phone calls for the last month. He stated that at least once a day the phone rings and there is silence on the other end.

Ryan Pecharka, Bowling Green, reported being jumped by three

subjects and having an Indians jacket stolen.

Tim Gibson, N. Baltimore, reported that his car was broken into while it was parked at Almar Colonial Lanes.

Friday:

George Freeman, Sylvania, was cited for DUI on Frazee.

Anthony Campanello, Loveland, was cited for DUI on the corner of S. Main and W. Washington.

Philip Riddle, Bowling Green, was arrested for domestic violence on the 900 block of Wilson.

Angela Cron, Troy, Elizabeth Murr, Bowling Green, and Amy Crites, Wooster, threw snowballs at a car on the 1000 block of Fairview. They struck a car's windshield and caused the car to swerve off the road.

Lindsay Bartow, Bowling Green, reported underwear stolen from a laundry room on the 800 block of N. Enterprise.

Bob Daugherty, Bowling Green, reported juvenile girls throwing snowballs at his windows.

A hit-skip was reported on the 900 block of Thurston.

Patrick Dubreuil, Bowling

Green, reported being hit by a snow ball with a raw egg in it.

Saturday:

Jesse Schlachter, Findlay, was arrested for possession of marijuana and open container in Lot 2.

Brandon Johnson, Findlay, was arrested for open container in Lot 2.

Matthew Hankins, Findlay, was arrested for open container in Lot 2.

Nathan Root, Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct at Uptown-Downtown.

Nicole Brown, Columbus, was arrested for public urination on the 800 block of Eighth Street.

Jeff Owen, Bowling Green, reported that a duffel bag was taken from his vehicle on the 400 block of S. Summit.

A hit-skip was reported on the 100 block of E. Court.

Mike McCoy, Bowling Green, reported that 6-7 college students were throwing snow balls with rocks inside on the 700 block of Elm.

Michelle DeBacco, Bowling Green, reported that his vehicle was vandalized while it was parked

in a lot on Frazee. The windshield was cracked and damage was estimated at \$300-\$500.

A female was reported carrying a blow up doll down E. Wooster and making obscene gestures to cars passing by. Police stopped the girl and advised her to take the doll home for the night.

Jon Ringenberg, Bowling Green, was cited for open container on the corner of High and Third.

Sunday:

Marcellus Byrd, S. Euclid, was cited for failure to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle.

Colleen Frank, Bowling Green, reported being assaulted at Stardust early Sunday morning.

Thomas Mason, Vickery, was cited for underage consumption on the 100 block of N. Main.

Chris Heldman, Van Buren, was cited for public urination in Lot 1.

Mark Zuchowski, Rossford, was cited for open container of an alcoholic beverage after he was spotted holding a beer in front of Uptown.

Bruce Miller, Bowling Green, reported that a subject urinated on his car on the 800 block of Seventh Street.

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CYCLONE — Relief aid delivered by a French Air Force aircraft is unloaded by a Mozambican child and others, Tuesday Feb. 22, near the town of Xai-Xai.

Cyclone wreaks havoc in Mozambique

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAPUTO, Mozambique — Cyclone Eline ripped roofs off houses, cut water and power supplies and drenched an already flood-stricken Mozambique on Tuesday with torrential rain that sent swollen rivers racing through villages.

The cyclone hit as the impoverished former Portuguese colony was mopping up from its heaviest flooding in half a century — a disaster the United Nations estimated killed 67 people and displaced 211,000, mainly in the southern provinces of Gaza and Maputo.

Disaster relief officials had no reports of casualties late Tuesday afternoon from the cyclone, which was heading west toward Zimbabwe.

Three people in Beira, the country's second-largest city, were electrocuted when power cables fell into the water, local television said. Resident Lizi Cristina said she and her husband, an electrician, had been called to work because of the fatal accident.

A local radio station reported that sparsely populated fishing villages near Inhambane, a coastal town 300 miles north of Maputo near where the storm surged ashore, had been washed away.

Even before the cyclone brought more rain and caused more damage, U.N. aid workers said they were struggling to provide food and water for those stranded or left destitute by the torrential rains two weeks ago that washed away roads, houses, bridges and agricultural land.

Eline moved inland Tuesday

between Inhambane and Beira, 620 miles north of the capital, Maputo.

Ahead of the cyclone, wild storms had swept through Beira overnight Monday, cutting off power to some areas, said Agostinho Alberto, a Red Cross worker in the city.

In Inhambane and tiny villages along the coast, winds tore the roofs off brick houses and blew apart some of the makeshift mud and straw dwellings that many of Mozambique's desperately poor call home.

Cellular phones transform some Bangladesh villages

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOLARPAR, Bangladesh — Sitting outside her mud-walled hut, Jamirunnesa dials her Nokia cell phone to inquire about the latest poultry prices.

Monir Chowdhury, a neighbor, arrives panting to take a long distance call from his brother working in Malaysia. Later, village doctor Tofazzal Hossain comes to use the phone to arrange an appointment with a specialist in the city for one of his patients.

Jamirunnesa runs a mobile phone service, the only phone for the 5,000 people in the farming village of Jolarpar, 20 miles north of Dhaka, the capital.

She bought it a year ago with help from a bank that makes small loans to poor women to start home-based businesses — an example of the "microcredit" projects discussed at a conference last week in Washington.

Besides serving her neighbors for a fee, the phone helps the 38-year-old mother of four earn a profit from the poultry farm she runs.

"There are buyers who want to cheat me. But they can't because

I've got the phone, which comes in handy to know at what rate the chickens are selling in the markets," Jamirunnesa says, waving her handset.

In Bangladesh, even ordinary telephones are still a luxury. Less than 1 percent of the 125 million people have a phone of any kind. The country's 100,000 mobile phones are usually for the urban rich.

Jamirunnesa, who like many Bangladeshis uses only one name, bought the phone with a loan of 18,000 takas (\$360) from Grameen Bank, which specializes in helping the poor get a start in business.

Grameen Bank, established in 1976 by Muhammad Yunus, then a university economics teacher, is the pioneer of microcredit as a way of building the economies of developing nations. Since its founding, it has lent \$2 billion to 2.3 million Bangladeshis, most of them poor rural women.

GrameenPhone, the bank's telecommunications subsidiary, is one of four commercial cellular phone companies in Bangladesh, but the only one to extend its service to the mostly illiterate countryside.



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PHONE — Masuma Akter, right, a Bangladeshi village woman, makes a call to her son from her village at Porabari.

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CD player found

A portable CD player was found on Ridge Street Friday afternoon near one of the bus stops. A CD was in the unit. The owner may claim the CD player by calling 2-7485 and identifying the CD within the unit.

A discussion on healing power of stones

Today at noon, Tavia Rowan, from the Popular Culture Department, will present a program on the Healing Properties of Stones. Throughout history, diverse faith traditions have believed that gems and stones carry the same life force or energy as human beings. Rowan will focus on some of the more commonly known stones and discuss their healing properties from a historical perspective. It takes place in 107 Hanna Hall.

Racial tensions in the workplace discussed

Also at noon today will be an Arts and Sciences Forum on racial tensions and discrimination in the workplace. Dr. Howard Gadlin from UCLA will be the guest speaker. Lunch is at noon and is \$5.75. Call 372-2340 for reservations. The talk at 12:30 p.m. is free and open to all.

La Mesa Oblicua

BGSU Latino staff and students discuss issues surrounding their cultural identity in the BGSU community as part of Diversity Week. The discussion will take place at 12:30 today in Room 114 of the Business Administration Building.

Study shows soaring use of psychiatric drugs in kids

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — When he was a toddler, Heath Barker was nicknamed "the red tornado" for his auburn hair and his penchant for tearing things up and jumping off the furniture. When he was just 4, he was diagnosed with attention deficit disorder and prescribed Ritalin.

A study of more than 200,000 preschool-age children shows this was no isolated case.

The number of 2- to 4-year-olds on psychiatric drugs including Ritalin and anti-depressants like Prozac soared 50 percent between 1991 and 1995, researchers reported in

Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Experts said they are troubled by the findings, because the effects of such drugs in children so young are largely unknown. Some doctors worry that such powerful drugs could be dangerous for children's development.

Heath's mother has anecdotal evidence suggesting — as the researchers do — that the number of youngsters on psychiatric drugs is still rising. Through her involvement in Internet support groups for parents of children with behavior problems, Michele Barker said she is hearing of more and more 3- and 4-year-olds being put on drugs like

Prozac.

"It's become a quick fix," said Barker, 39, of Hot Springs, Ark.

Although the study did not examine reasons for the increases, Julie Magno Zito, the lead author and an assistant professor of pharmacy and medicine at the University of Maryland, suggested a few possibilities.

With an increasing number of children attending day care, parents may feel pressured "to have their children conform in their behavior," Zito said. She also said there is a much greater acceptance in the 1990s of psychoactive drugs.

Dr. Joseph T. Coyle of Harvard Medical School's psychiatry department said the study reveals a trou-

bling trend, "given that there is no empirical evidence to support psychotropic drug treatment in very young children and that there are valid concerns that such treatment could have deleterious effects on the developing brain."

"These disturbing prescription practices suggest a growing crisis in mental health services to children and demand more thorough investigation," Coyle wrote in an editorial accompanying the study.

The authors reviewed Medicaid prescription records from 1991, 1993 and 1995 for preschoolers from a Midwestern state and a mid-Atlantic state; and for those in an HMO in the Northwest. The states

were not identified.

Use of stimulants, anti-depressants, anti-psychotics and clonidine — a drug used in adults to treat high blood pressure and increasingly for insomnia in hyperactive children — were examined. Substantial increases were seen in every category except anti-psychotics, though in some cases the actual number of prescriptions was quite small.

The number of children getting any of the drugs totaled about 100,000 in 1991, and jumped 50 percent to 150,000 in 1995. That year, 60 percent of the youngsters on drugs were age 4, 30 percent were 3 and 10 percent were 2-year-olds.

The use of clonidine skyrocketed

Sheppard testifies about mother's murder

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Sam Reese Sheppard testified Tuesday about the weekend 46 years ago that his childhood was blown apart by his mother's slaying, a crime that inspired "The Fugitive" and his quest to clear his father's name.

Sheppard, 52, spent most of the day on the witness stand testifying in the wrongful imprisonment trial of Dr. Sam Sheppard, who died in 1970. The younger Sheppard sued the state, claiming his father was wrongfully imprisoned for the 1954 beating death of Marilyn Sheppard.

The doctor spent a decade in prison, but the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the verdict, ruling the trial judge failed to shield the jury from massive pretrial publicity. He was acquitted at a retrial in 1966.

The case partly inspired "The Fugitive" TV series and film.

Sheppard said there was "no tension or hostility" in the house the weekend his mother died. She tucked him into bed the night of her death, he said.

He slept through her murder in the early morning hours and awoke to "my uncle Richard and Mrs. Houk (a neighbor), who were very upset. They told me something terri-



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CASE — F Lee Bailey, who won acquittal for Dr. Sam Sheppard at the doctor's second trial, looks at a photocopy of a Playboy magazine which contained an interview with him.

UAO

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yet, however we remain cautiously optimistic," Engelman said.

According to Jason Bozzone, UAO program adviser, UAO doesn't just want to bring in any concert.

"We want to plan events that students want and need, working with the administration to plan an effective concert that will benefit everybody, especially the students and BGSU community," he said.

If a concert is brought to the University, Engelman said there will not be a repeat of last years "They Might Be Giants" cancellation.

"If or when a finalized concert is done, it is done, we will have the concert, there will not be a repeat" he said. "We learned a lot from last year."

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Campus Police Blotter

Friday:

A resident of Ashley reported urine in the Ashley elevator.

An exit sign was reported stolen from McDonald West.

There was a complaint reported of theft of cable service to a room in Kohl Hall.

A female reported a CD player stolen from her vehicle while it was parked in Lot 16.

Someone from the Kappa Alpha house reported two windows were broken during the night.

Saturday:
A student was referred to judicial affairs for underage consumption of alcohol.

Unknown person(s) broke a window out of a vehicle parked in

Lot E.

Two male students were assaulted in their room in Offenhauer West. The two students were not immediately taken to the hospital but did get treatment at the E.R. late Saturday night for minor injuries.

Someone from the Student Recreation Center reported 40 CD's missing from the SRC.

A female student reported that her vehicle was dented while parked in Lot 6.

A male student reported that sometime within the last two weeks unknown subject(s) kicked the driver's side mirror off his vehicle.

A female student from Bromfield reported being pushed into a wall and onto the floor by her ex-boyfriend.

Sunday:
A female was cited for under-

age consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

An underage female was cited for consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

A male student reported that someone took a bag containing his wallet, glasses, a walkie-talkie and a stopwatch from the Fieldhouse Saturday.

A male student reported that credit cards were taken from his wallet which was in a locked locker at the SRC.

A female student reported that the driver's side mirror was broken off her vehicle while parked in the McFall Lot.

A resident in McDonald West reported receiving a harrasing telephone call.

A resident in Chapman Hall reported receiving a harrasing telephone call.

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EDITOR

State of the sporting address

Have sports become bigger than life? Are they more than just numbers? Are athletes celestial beings worshipped by laymen who drool over the fact that Vince Carter can jump high and Ken Griffey Jr. can hit a ball with a club.

Sports have taken over as the dominant non-sexual activity in the world. Without the beasts of football, the freaks of basketball and the Canadians of hockey, we'd have nothing to do on weekends. Conversation rates would drop to an all time low. We'd have nothing to talk about. We'd just sit around and talk about the weather.

No more common bonds would be formed on account of geography. No more chants in 'unison of "Let's go Red Wings....Let's go Red Wings."

No more bleeding brown and orange, or maize and blue, or scarlet and gray.

It's unfathomable. But it's not impossible.

The world of sports seems to be in an inflation - driven self-destructing spiral. Combine that with the fact that professional sports weren't all that popular until the early 1900's and it seems that athletics as we know it today may not be quite as stable as we thought.

Even the most tradition-filled teams we love-the Montreal Canadiens 2/22/00 spelling?, the New York Yankees or the Boston Celtics have come about in the last 100 years.

Now, that's a long time if your time frame is based on a human life span of 70 or 80 years. But since the earth has been around for a few billion years, the advent of professional sports has been a mere blink in the eye of time. We've lived without them before. We can do it again.

And yes, there were always some forms of sports. The gladiators fought for their lives against the lions. (But hell, that could be the match-up for the 2005 Superbowl) The Greeks had the Olympics and every one else discovered running at some point in their culture.

But never in all of history has sports captivated an audience like it did in the latter part of the 20th century.

Will it ever again?

Can it happen? Will it happen? Will salaries become so high as to leave owners begging for change on the street? Will advertising become so tacky that uniforms will look like a billboard convention? Eventually we could be dealing with uniforms that are just a print of the Sears catalog.

If and when these things happen, will fans turn away in disgust? Will tradition fall hard into the pages of history books?

Will the people of the world be able to find different topics of conversation? Will there be different fantasy leagues? Will literature once again become a prominent piece of popular culture?

It's possible. And right now it doesn't look like it would be so bad. Maybe without sports our children's role models won't be accused of shootings, or be forced into rehab nine times, and reinstated 10 times, or be banned for life for gambling, or grab their crotch after a home run.

So the future of sports may not be hat tricks and touchdowns, but a barren wasteland of a genre that fell to too much publicity and strayed away from its original values.

Bigger than life?

Maybe.

Essential to life?

No.

Dan Nied is the sports editor for the News. He believes that if we have learned anything from the Flintstones it's pelicans can be used as cement mixers. His only pick-up line is "Hi! I'm Dan Nied the sports editor for the BG News." Watch out ladies. He can be reached at dnied@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Women's Basketball

Akron next on women's schedule

DAVE TRUMAN
SPORTS WRITER

The Bowling Green women's basketball team is quietly on track for a successful season.

The Falcons head to Akron's Rhodes Arena for a 7 p.m. showdown with the Zips tonight. The winner will likely host a first round Mid-American Conference tournament game Monday. The loser may end up on the road.

BG coach Dee Knoblauch said 10 wins would represent success in this season of transition. The Falcons are 8-16 overall, and 6-8 in conference games with a contest at Buffalo Friday finishing off the regular season schedule.

Akron is 11-14, 7-7.

Each team has made a strong

push in the MAC standings over the past few weeks. Akron has won four straight games while the Falcons have won four of six.

"This was the first time we have won two games in a row," Knoblauch said of Saturday's defeat of Miami and the Feb. 15 victory against Ohio. "We have beaten some good teams. Our confidence is as high as it has been all year."

Knoblauch is impressed with what Akron has done during its win streak.

"Akron is playing really well right now," she said. "They took some huge hits earlier in the year. They had five people get injured. To bounce back the way that they have, I've got a lot of respect for them."

The Zips got bounced at Anderson Arena 94-72 Jan. 26. Leading scorer Cheryl Bowles was sick for

that game and is now averaging 17.8 points and 8.6 rebounds per contest.

Knoblauch said Akron will be a different team this time around.

"She is their big gun," Knoblauch said. "She is also a really good passer. She had six assists against Ball State. She is such a threat because she draws the double teams and kicks it out."

BG guard Kim Griech, a Tallmadge, Ohio, native, will be playing in front of hometown fans for the second time this season. She played crucial minutes at Kent earlier this season, handing out four assists and scoring two points.

Knoblauch said Griech has played well of late and will likely draw extra motivation from her following at Rhodes Arena.

"We really need to win these last

two games to get a home seed," Griech said. "We're playing well now and it couldn't come at a better time. All we can do is play our best and hope for the best."

Knoblauch said Akron plays four starters 30-plus minutes per game. She will continue to use her bench to gain an advantage over the shallow-er Zips.

"We're preaching that just need one win out of these two games, and we get to host that first game," Knoblauch said. "The difference between eighth and ninth in this league is huge. We want to get to Cleveland to build momentum going into our off-season workouts and I want to go to Cleveland for our seniors. Jaymee [Wappes] and Sherry [Kahle] deserve it."

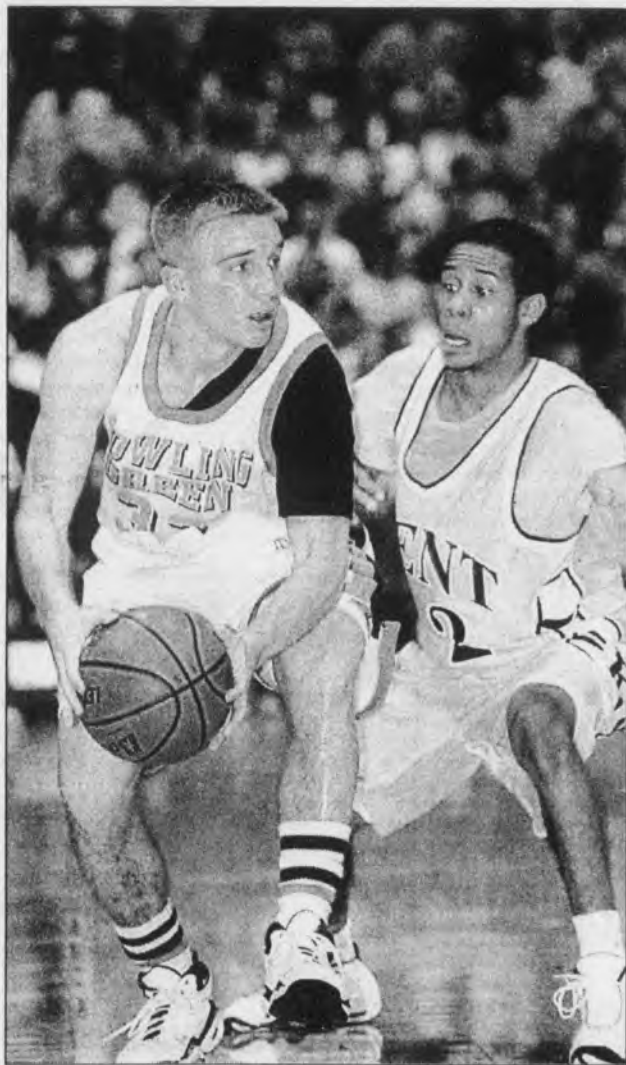
"Akron is playing really well right now. They took some huge hits earlier in the year. They had five people get injured. To bounce back the way that they have, I've got a lot of respect for them"

Dee Knoblauch
Women's basketball coach

Men's Basketball

Pardon's gift dazzles fans, coaches

NICK HURM
SPORTS WRITER



MICHAEL LEHMKUHL/The BG News

PARDON— Guard Brandon Pardon looks to pass with Kent's Andrew Mitchell on his hip. Pardon has made his presence felt this season with his ball handling skills and quick passes. "He's a coach's dream because he sees the floor and knows the game so well," Dave Evans, his high school coach, said.

The Bowling Green basketball team couldn't have received a better Christmas present than Brandon Pardon. He is the gift that keeps on giving.

Pardon became eligible to play with the Falcons right before Christmas. His first game in a BG uniform was December 18 against West Virginia. Since then Pardon has dazzled the crowd with a display of skilled ball handling and a variation of passing that always seems to find its mark. The sophomore guard has become one of the fan favorites at BG.

"I grew up admiring Magic Johnson," Pardon said. "He said that the fun of the game was fooling other people. He was a perfectionist at it. If you can make everybody around you better by getting them the ball and scoring while getting the crowd going, that is as much fun as anything."

Pardon's dribbling has left many defenders flat-footed guessing where he is going to go. In the second possession of the Kent game last Wednesday, Pardon went behind his back, drove the lane, and scored the first two points for BG.

"I've been dribbling forever," Pardon said. "At this level you have to have the ball where it is almost a part of you. In your mind you have to think that no one is going to take the ball away from you. In my mind though I'm more worried about what offense I'm going to run next."

Pardon collected his 100th assist against Eastern Michigan last Saturday in only his 17th game. Despite missing the first half of the season he is already leading the team in the category. Another important aspect of Pardon's game is how easily the 6-foot 1-inch guard handles a press. Pardon rarely turns the ball over.

"He is the callous of the team," senior teammate Anthony Stacey said. "He is one of the only players I have seen to dominate his game and only has to score only two or

three points."

Basketball has been nothing but success to Pardon. The Van Wert native started all four years at Lincolnview High School under coach Dave Evans. He was the Division VI player of the year his senior season and finished third in the Mr. Basketball balloting.

His senior year was definitely the dream season for Pardon. Along with the acclaim he received, Pardon helped lead his team to a 27-0 record and a state championship. He averaged 21.3 points and dished out 9.3 assist per game.

"He's a coach's dream because he sees the floor and knows the game so well," Evans said. "A lot of things he does you can't coach. He was what made everybody go."

After his senior season, Pardon chose to continue playing basketball at Wright State University near Dayton. Right away he made an impact with the team. He started 28 out of 34 games and lead the team in assist with 111. He also lead the team with 27 three-pointers. But Pardon wanted more. Wright State finished at the bottom of the Mid-Collegiate Conference with a 10-18 record overall.

"It was nothing personal," Pardon said. "It was a great experience there. But for me as much as I have succeeded in my life I had to look elsewhere because I didn't think I was going to fulfill what I wanted to at Wright State."

Pardon looked elsewhere to find a school that would better fit his style of play. He came to BG and liked what Falcon coach Dan Dakich had to offer. He joined the team in December 1998.

For the first time in his life Pardon was on the bench. He watched the rest of the tremendous season Bowling Green had last year while gritting his teeth.

"I can't even express how tough it was," Pardon said. "Sitting on the bench you know that you don't have any control over the outcome of the game."

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Men's Basketball

Falcons face long, hard trip ahead

PETE STELLA
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The future of the men's basketball team this season is uncertain but will most likely turn out to be positive.

After winning big against Kent and having a good chance at a Mid-American conference championship, the Falcons hold the key to their future in their hands.

At the ESPN.com website yesterday, Andy Katz, a writer for the website, stated in his analysis that BG is one of the last teams that will make it into the NCAA tournament and could be the "Cinderella" team of the 1999-2000 season. The Falcons also received two votes on the ESPN/USA Today poll. The Falcons last appearance in the Big Dance was the 1967-68 season.

"We are in a pretty good position in terms of having won some games," BG coach Dan Dakich said.

Streaks

According to Dakich, there have been two key six-or-seven game stretches this season in which the Falcons had to win as many games as they could.

The first occurred at the very beginning of the season, in which the Falcons started 6-0 with their only loss coming to Northern Iowa in overtime.

"At the beginning of the year, I thought we needed to get off to a 7-0 start because that would be three home games and we went 6-1," Dakich said. "Then I looked at that other stretch of six games later on and thought that those six games would be very important and they turned out to be."

The other started with the home game against Ohio and continued against Toledo, Buffalo, Miami, Kent and Eastern Michigan. Toledo was the only loss for the Falcons.

"With those six games starting with Ohio, if we could win those six games, we would have a real shot of winning the league," Dakich said.

"Those six games, winning five of them, puts us in a position where we don't need help to win the league right now," Dakich said. "We can win the league on our own. We can do anything we have set up to do."

Senior night

This week, the Brown and Orange travel to Akron Thursday and Marshall Saturday and face something maybe no other team has ever faced. Both of the games will be the Senior Night for the opposing teams. Akron has six seniors, including four starters, and Marshall only has three.

"Senior nights are hard to win on," Dakich said. "We play on two of them and it is unfortunate how it shakes out but that is the way it shakes out. That makes it a little more difficult."

"They [Akron and Marshall] are two of the best four or five teams in the league and we have to go play them at their place."

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Swimming

BG heads to Athens

NICK HURM
SPORTS WRITER

The Bowling Green women's swimming and diving team is down to its judgement day.

The Mid-American Conference championship, a meet that BG has been eyeing since the beginning of the season. Tomorrow the Falcons compete in the first day of the three day event held at Ohio University in Athens.

Bowling Green finished the regular season with a 5-7 overall record and a 2-6 mark in the MAC. But records don't mean much at this point. What matters now is placement.

"We have to go in with an attitude of racing to place," BG swim coach Randy Julian said. "The mistakes that we make in our sport is that we race the clock. This has to be racing the competition."

The Falcons have some legitimate contenders that could be at the top by the end of the meet. One of BG's best hopefuls in individual

events is senior Nancy Simpson. The Virginia native has the best time in the MAC this year in the 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 57.42. Don't be surprised though if the Orange and Brown has another swimmer that places in the top three in the event. Falcon co-captain Sarah Abell has the third best time this year at 58.49.

This is the last meet ever for the senior co-captain, along with teammates Bethany Budde, Melissa Fuller, Katie Heaton, Laura Segerlin, Simpson, Ellyn Vreeland, Laura Wallace and Patti Wilson.

"This meet means a whole lot more, but you try to not let it," Abell said. "If you do then it becomes so much more pressured because it is your last chance and you've got to do it. We've got to stay calm."

BG also is a true contender in the relays. The Falcon 200 medley relay team of Abell, Budde, Simpson, and sophomore Kim Moden recorded the second best time in the MAC this

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VREELAND—BG diver Ellyn Vreeland prepares to hit the water in a recent meet.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE					BASEBALL				
Atlantic Division					American League				
	W	L	Pct	GB	TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Vernon Wells, OF Anthony Sanders and INF Mike Young on one-year contracts.				
New York	32	19	.627	—	National League				
Miami	32	20	.615	1 1/2	ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with LHP Steve Avery on a minor-league contract.				
Philadelphia	28	24	.538	4 1/2	CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with INF Travis Dawkins, INF Brandon Larsen and INF Ron Wright on minor-league contracts.				
Orlando	25	27	.481	7 1/2	FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Hector Almonte, RHP Braden Loper, INF Pablo Ozuna, INF Nate Rolison and OF Julio Ramirez on one-year contracts.				
Boston	22	31	.415	11	HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with LHP Wayne Franklin, INF Julio Lugo, RHP Tony McKnight, INF Aaron McNeal, RHP Brian Powell, LHP Wilfredo Rodriguez, LHP Jeremie Robertson and INF Chris Powell on one-year contracts.				
New Jersey	21	31	.404	11 1/2	NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with 1B Mark Johnson on a minor-league contract.				
Washington	15	38	.283	18	BASKETBALL				
Central Division					NBA—Fined Indiana Pacers G Reggie Miller \$5,000 for obscene language directed at spectators during a game against the New York Knicks on Feb. 20.				
Indiana	35	17	.673	—	CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed C-F Lari Ketner to a 10-day contract.				
Charlotte	29	22	.569	5 1/2	Released F Pete Chilcutt.				
Toronto	27	24	.529	7 1/2	FOOTBALL				
Milwaukee	27	26	.509	8 1/2	CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released DT Mike Barrow.				
Detroit	26	26	.500	9	JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed LB Hardy Nickerson to a four-year contract, QB Jamie Martin to a two-year contract and WR Gunnard Twynier, QB Roderick Robinson and OL John Feagill. Re-signed DE Eric Curry and OL Steve Ingram.				
Cleveland	22	31	.415	13 1/2	MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Named Michael F. Kelly, Jr. executive vice president-business operations.				
Atlanta	20	30	.400	14	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released RB Lamont Warren.				
Chicago	12	38	.240	22	NEW YORK GIANTS—Re-signed CB Conrad Hamilton to a three-year contract. Signed QB Jason Garrett to a three-year contract. Agreed to terms with OT Lomas Brown.				
WESTERN CONFERENCE					NEW YORK JETS—Named Todd Bowles secondary coach. Signed WR Fred Coleman, QB Jim Kubiak, T Greg Lotysz and TE Jermaine Wiggins.				
Midwest Division					ST. LOUIS RAMS—Matched an offer sheet for OT Ryan Tucker made by the Miami Dolphins. Re-signed C Andy McCollum. Promoted Howard Tippett to defensive assistant for quality control.				
	W	L	Pct	GB	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed DB Reggie Tongue to a five-year contract.				
San Antonio	34	19	.642	—					
Utah	32	19	.627	1					
Minnesota	28	23	.549	5					
Denver	24	28	.462	9 1/2					
Dallas	22	30	.423	11 1/2					
Houston	21	32	.396	13					
Vancouver	16	36	.308	17 1/2					
Pacific Division									
Portland	43	11	.796	—					
L.A. Lakers	41	11	.788	1					
Phoenix	32	19	.627	9 1/2					
Seattle	33	21	.611	10					
Sacramento	31	22	.585	11 1/2					
Golden State	14	37	.275	27 1/2					
L.A. Clippers	11	43	.204	32					
Wednesday's Games									
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.									
Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.									
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.									
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.									

From the Wire

Stadium construction delays Dragons' home opener
DAYTON — The Dayton Dragons will delay their home opener by nearly two weeks so more construction work can be done on the team's stadium, officials announced Tuesday.

The Class A Midwest League affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds had been scheduled to open the home season April 14 against Burlington, Iowa. The opener has been pushed back to April 27, when the Dragons are scheduled to play Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dragons officials said the first seven scheduled home games will be moved to later in the season.

Dragons President Bob Murphy said Fifth Third Field would have been ready for an April 14 opener, but he did not want to sacrifice any fan amenities by opening at less than full capacity. The \$23 million stadium will seat 7,250 people.

"One thing that we cannot control is the weather, and we believe that the extra time in April will allow for a substantial completion of the stadium," said Murphy.

The Dragons, owned by Mandalay Sports Entertainment, played in Rockford, Ill., as the Rockford Reds last season.

Cavs sign Ketner, release Chilcutt

CLEVELAND — While preparing for Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers, the Cleveland Cavaliers signed rookie big man Lari Ketner to a 10-day contract on Tuesday and released forward Pete Chilcutt.

The 6-foot-10, 285-pound Ketner was averaging 10.7 points and 5.8 rebounds for Fort Wayne of the CBA before signing with the Cavs.

Ketner was drafted by the Chicago Bulls in the second round of last year's NBA draft. He played in six games with the Bulls before being waived on Dec. 20.

Chilcutt, who signed a second 10-day contract with the Cavs on Feb. 14, did not score in the six games he appeared in for Cleveland.

The Cavs, who beat Vancouver in overtime on Monday night, will play host to the Lakers on Wednesday. A sellout crowd is expected at Gund Arena, Cleveland's first sellout since the Lakers visited last season.

Indians Shuey in good position for closer spot for 2000 Tribe

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — This isn't the first spring that Paul Shuey has gotten a long look as the Cleveland Indians' closer. But it might be the first time that he actually gets the job — or a piece of it.

"We've been grooming him as a closer," manager Charlie Manuel said. "If he's ever going to be a closer, it's time to give him that shot. He has all the ability in the world."

Shuey has always had enormous potential but has seldom lived up to it, mixing high-velocity heat and strikeouts with wild pitches and walks.

Most teams seek a closer who has great stuff and equally good control. Shuey, however, has been wildly erratic.

In 218 career games, he has just 19 saves. A year ago, he was 8-5 with a 3.53 ERA and six saves.

Shuey said he isn't coming into the Indians' camp thinking of taking over the closer's job. The way he looks at it, he, Steve Karsay and Ricardo Rincon, among others, can combine to make a great bullpen.

"Basically, I'm fighting to win," Shuey said. "That's the thing. We've got a lot of unselfish guys on this team and in our bullpen. Our goal is to win, whether it's Rincon striking out the last guy on five sliders in a row or me getting somebody out

with some split-fingered fastballs. Whatever, I'm really looking forward to a solid year."

Manuel, in his first year after taking over for Mike Hargrove, said he's not opposed to using a variety of pitchers out of the bullpen.

"I can see us getting into a rotation," Manuel said. "The more depth we can have, the better."

Shuey has bided his career with the Indians watching Jose Mesa and

then Mike Jackson closing out games.

He said he's not coming into this season with expectations of doing anything other than pitching well.

"My approach coming to camp is I like to get guys out and seem to do that fairly well," Shuey said. "I want to come in here on a roll and things will take care of themselves."

Whatever role I get will be fine," Manuel said he's hoping to build

confidence in his relievers this spring. He added that he hoped to give everyone a shot at the closer's job and work people into the role throughout the spring and even into the season.

"It would be nice to put Shuey and Karsay in situations where you're ahead 3 or 4 runs late in the game," Manuel said. "That's how they get confidence and get their feet on the ground."

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Ohio State

Bucks on another wild ride

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — In the span of five days last week, many of Ohio State's fans went from distress to ecstasy, from the depths to the apex.

An 11-point loss at Michigan State on Tuesday was followed by an 11-point win at Indiana on Saturday as the pendulum swung on the Buckeyes' Big Ten fortunes and also the mood of its followers.

But coach Jim O'Brien tries to insulate and isolate his team from the wild ride that fans take during a season. With four regular-season games remaining, starting with Wednesday night's home game against Northwestern, he said his players can't afford to be thrill-seekers.

"We talk about the middle ground all the time in our daily existence, avoiding the excesses," O'Brien said after Monday night's practice. "That's kind of the way it is. You lose on the road to the No. 4 or No. 5 team in the country and everything is falling apart for you, seemingly. That's the lunacy of it. Then you win a game and, 'Oh, we're back all of a sudden.'"

"If you ride the emotional roller-coaster of the season, you can go crazy."

Likewise, a team can't afford to start looking further down the schedule. Senior guard Scoonie Penn said the healthy approach is to look at a season as a series of individual games instead of games in a series.

And that includes Northwestern

(5-20), which has yet to win a Big Ten game in 12 starts.

"They remind me of this team a couple of years ago," Penn said. "They have nothing to play for, really. They're looking just to spoil someone else's season. You play a team like that, you never know what could happen. They play nonchalant, they're going to come out and jack some 3's. We could have a bad shooting day..."

As the 1999-2000 season sifts away — with Ohio State a game out of first in the conference and ranked No. 6 in the country — it appears the Buckeyes' fans are in for yet another thrill ride.

Two years ago, Ohio State went 8-22, finished last in the Big Ten and tied the school record for losses. Last year, the Buckeyes went 27-9, were second in the conference and soared all the way to the Final Four.

This year, a season that started with so much promise and a No. 5 ranking was tainted in the very first game by a shocking loss at home to Notre Dame. Four consecutive wins were followed by a devastating double-figure loss at Kansas. Ohio State won four more in a row before losing its Big Ten opener on a last-second shot at Illinois.

An eight-game winning streak and the fans could almost hear the clickety-clack of the roller-coaster climbing to the peak before tumbling down with losses in two of the next three games. Then came the victory at Indiana, and renewed confidence.

So far, the Buckeyes have experi-

enced more fits and starts than the Dow.

Ohio State employs a team psychologist, but O'Brien has been through this enough in 18 years as a head coach to offer some non-professional advice to his players.

"That's where you have to keep a middle ground with the emotions and the highs and lows and the psyches. You can't get too up," he said. "You beat Indiana, you can't think this is the end-all. You can't lose to Michigan State and think, 'Well, it's all over. We have nothing left.'"

"It's a long season," O'Brien said. "Making it seem even longer by going through emotional gymnastics doesn't help."

"The peaks and valleys and the highs and lows from October to March, it's just ridiculous," he said. "You can't let that stuff get the best of you."

After Northwestern, the Buckeyes (18-5, 9-3) host Illinois Sunday in a send-off for the seniors. Next week, they travel to Penn State and Minnesota.

Michigan State (19-7, 10-2) hits the road to play Penn State and Indiana this week before hosting Minnesota and Michigan next week. Purdue (19-7, 10-3) is at Michigan and hosts Penn State before closing out the season at Indiana next week.

Penn said, "Hopefully, Michigan State slips up."

But O'Brien said the focus isn't on the other contenders or even Ohio State's opponents.



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REDD HOT—Ohio State guard Michael Redd signals for a time out despite the traffic during the Buckeyes victory over Indiana Saturday. This year, Ohio State is having another great season and are looking to rock the NCAA tournament again. "If you ride the emotional roller-coaster of the season, you can go crazy," Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien said.

NBA

Duncan out for first time in career

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan's strained abdominal muscle is not torn, meaning the All-Star forward might be able to keep alive his streak of never missing an NBA game.

Duncan, listed as day to day, will travel with the San Antonio Spurs for a three-game road trip and there is a chance he will play Thursday night in Charlotte.

While the Spurs' reserves practiced Tuesday and the rest of the

team took the day off, Duncan took a magnetic resonance imaging test on his lower abdomen and began rehab, which includes workouts in a pool.

Duncan has played in 185 consecutive regular-season games during his three years in the league. Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers had an abdominal strain during the 1997-98 season and missed 21 games.

Duncan left Monday night's game against Phoenix early in the second quarter of the Spurs' 98-89

loss. There did not appear to be any unusual contact that might have caused an injury.

"He just came over and said that I needed to sub for him," Spurs coach Greg Popovich said. "Then I knew right away that something was wrong. I didn't need to question him what was wrong. I just got him out of there."

If Duncan is sidelined, San Antonio is expected to give additional playing time to Malik Rose, with David Robinson picking up his offensive game. Robinson had 31

points and 18 rebounds, and Rose scored 17 points.

"If we play the way we did last night then we'll be in good shape," Popovich said. "It'd be great to shoot a little bit better. But the effort and the defense and the execution, I'm really proud of."

Guard Antonio Daniels, Duncan's closest friend on the team, sprained his left wrist during Monday night's game and also is listed as day to day. He will make the upcoming road trip and could play Thursday.

MLB

Darryl Strawberry busted again

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — New York Yankees outfielder Darryl Strawberry tested positive for cocaine on Jan. 19 and might once again be suspended from baseball.

A high-ranking baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said Tuesday the commissioner's office is investigating and a

decision whether to take disciplinary action likely would be made by Thursday at the latest.

Strawberry is tested two or three times a week as part of his no-contest plea on May 26, 1999, to charges of cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute. He was sentenced to 18 months of probation and 100 hours of community service.

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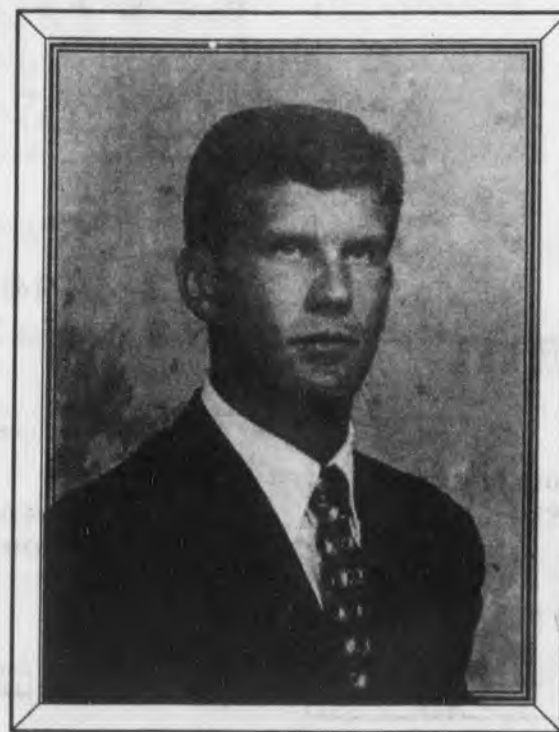
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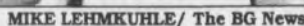
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Improvements

"Those guys' improvement, not only individually, but improvement in winning and understanding winning, making plays to win, have boosted us," Dakich said.



STACEY—Falcon forward Anthony Stacey takes a jumper Saturday.

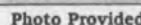
"It's really important to get off a good note because it sets the whole

"Success only builds to greater success," Julian said. It's a real emotional psyche when you look up in the crowd and see all the orange. It is such a mental sport. When you get

In the one-meter board Laura Segerlin is at the 10th position with Vreeland and Wilson respectively at the 12th and 13th spot. Segerlin also has the 10th highest score in the three meter with Wilson at the 11th spot and Vreeland at the 12th spot.

MELISSA KIMBLER
GUEST WRITER

Hoffman has been a member of the BG cheerleading squad since her freshman year. She will enter graduate school in May after she leaves BG with a double major in psychology and sociology. Salsgiver will also graduate in December with a degree in IPC and has been a member of the squad for the past three years.



FIRST PLACE—Falcon cheerleaders Julie Hoffman and Ryan Salsgiver practice their cheering routine.

"Right now we have to get one win at a time," Pardon said. "Everything at the end of the year will take care of itself. Hopefully we can look forward in playing in the NCAA Tournament though."

Stacey, a 6-4 senior from Elyria, shot 62 percent for the week. He had 24 points in the 71-61 win over first place Kent, then added 15 points in an 86-5 victory against Eastern Michigan Saturday.

HELP WANTED

B.G.S.U. STUDENTS

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Are you an early morning riser?

Are you looking to make a little extra money?

Do you have MORNING hours available?

Harshman Commissary Kitchen is looking for B.G.S.U. student workers for various shifts between the hours of 6am-3pm.

Three Positions are available:

1. Driving a big truck and delivering product across campus.
(Must have a valid Drivers license)

A black and white line drawing of a delivery truck. The driver's side door is open, and a person is standing next to it. The truck has a box trailer.

2. Assembling trays and sandwiches.

A black and white line drawing of a sandwich. It has a bun, meat, cheese, and vegetables.

3. Working as a cook on the team that is creating new recipes for the new Student Union and the campus community.

A black and white line drawing of a chef. The chef is wearing a tall hat and a long apron, and is holding a spoon.

Applicants must be Fun, Friendly, Outgoing, Dependable, Creative and Dedicated to BGSU. In addition must have an interest in cooking, enjoy working with food, and willing to work in a small team work environment. Prefer students for the cook positions to be a sophomore or freshman so that they may still be on campus to implement the new recipes when the Union reopens. We welcome Work Study and Co-op Students.

If you are interested in earning money while having fun, call Harshman at 372-2475 to set up an interview.

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Campus Events

CENSUS 2000-STUDENTS COUNT
 Come and learn about the Census Why it's important & what to do When: 24th Feb., 2000 Thursday Where: Olscamp Hall 101A, 3-4 pm
FREE GIFTS AND SNACKS

Do you want to be a kid again? BIG PLAYGROUND 2000 Saturday, February 25, 2000 10:00pm-1:00am-Rec Center *Bring your alcohol-related message to turn in for raffle tickets!

Bouncy boxing, Sumo wrestling, Velcro Wall, Four Square, Hop Scotch, Dodge Ball, Pudding Fingerpainting, Face painting, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, DJ

No plans for spring break? Try an alternative trip! Go to Appalachia to do service for people in need! Questions/Interested, Call Sarah at St. Thomas, 352-7555.

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS
 Enter to win 2 tickets to March 31st concert Education Building Steps \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5 Benefits Dance Marathon Bursable
FOO FIGHTERS
 Senior Portraits Schedule online

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 -Or call 372-8634. Portraits taken M-W from 10am-6pm.

City Events

Women's Self Defense Class Feb. 27. For more info cuprysa@yahoo.com

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Travel

#1 Spring Break Vacations! Cancun, Jamaica, Bahamas, Florida. Best Prices Guaranteed! Free Parties & Cover charges! Spaces limited, book now! All major credit cards accepted! 1-800-234-7007. www.endlesssummertours.com

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GO DIRECT! #1 Internet-based company offering WHOLESALE Spring Break packages! Guaranteed Lowest Price! 1-800-367-1252. www.springbreakdirect.com

Just in time for Spring Break Rent mini, conversion or 15 pass. vans. GO-KEY RENTALS, 419-874-2277 or 800-370-1297.

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Personals

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 Join the sisters of Phi Mu for open recruitment on Wednesday, February 23rd at 9:15 at the Phi Mu house, behind the Union!

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 Congratulations to Mindy Muratschek on her pearly to Pat Davidson.
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 Congratulations to Brooke Benner on her pearly from Mark Daniel!
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Personals

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 Congratulations to Sarah Rose Leonhardt on her pearly from Bryan Collins!
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INTRAMURAL ENTRIES DUE: FEB. 29- MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CO-REC VOLLEYBALL; MAR. 1-MEN'S INNERTUBE WATER POLO; MAR. 15-MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR SOCCER; MAR. 16- CO-REC BROOMBALL. IF HAND-DELIVERING, DUE BY 3PM IN 130 PFH. IF SENDING ELECTRONICALLY, DUE BY 12 NOON.

INTRAMURAL OFFICIALS NEEDED FOR VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER AND BROOMBALL. APPLY IN 130 PERRY FIELD HOUSE AND PICK UP AND COMPLETE TAKE-HOME TEST. DEADLINES: VOLLEYBALL-FEB. 29; SOCCER-MAR. 14; BROOMBALL-MAR. 15. MUST ATTEND MANDATORY CLINIC.

LORAIN COUNTY STUDENTS: PAID Summer Internships Soph, Jr, or Sr Educ, Soc. Wk, Rec, Bus, IPC, Hist, Psych, Environ, Graphic Design, Jour or others to work at NonProfit Orgs. Apply @ Co-op & Internship Program, 310 St. Svcs. Bldg. 372-2451 Deadline: March 3!!

NAILS
 Spring Break Special Full set \$25 -- with Ann at **Mane Style Salon ~ 353-6263**

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To whoever found the wallet in Olscamp on 2/22: I would be screwed if it weren't for your honesty. Thank you.

Unlimited Tanning until May 1st. \$45.00. Campus Tanning. 352-7889.

Personals

Worried about pregnancy?? Free Pregnancy Tests. Confidential and Caring. 354-4673. BG Pregnancy Center.

Wanted

1 Rmt for sum 00 & yr. 00-01. M/F. Close to campus & downtown, washer & dryer, own room, \$260/mth, no utls. Call 353-3410, Mary or Jasmine.

2-3 subeasers for May-Aug., \$180/mth + utilities, own bedroom, Campbell Hill, spacious, Call Beth 353-6918.

Help Wanted

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Attention Fraternities * Sororities * Clubs * Student Groups
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Camp Wayne for Girls-sister hall of brother/sister camp in Pennsylvania (3 hrs. from New York City). If you love children and want a caring, fun environment we are looking to hire staff from 6/20-8/18/00 for: Tennis, basketball, soccer, volleyball, gymnastics, aerobics, cheerleading, swimming, sailing, waterskiing, self-defense, ropes, fine arts (ceramics, sculpture, drawing, painting, silk screening, jewelry), photography, piano, guitar, drama, video, group leaders. On campus interviews March 13th. Call 800-279-3019.

Help Wanted

Camp Willson-West Central OH-YMCA seeks summer staff for 9 wk. co-ed resident camp serving children 7-17. Need counselors for horseback riding, teens, outpost and traditional camp. Great internships available! Call 800-423-0427 for details. See us at the Summer Job Fair 3/14 for an interview.

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 Student organizations earn \$1,000-\$2,000 with the easy campusfundraiser.com three hour fundraising event. No sales required. Fundraising dates are filling quickly, so call today! Contact campusfundraiser.com (888) 923-3238, or visit www.campusfundraiser.com.

Internet developer w/programming experience, knowledge of website design, site maintenance, & data base integration helpful. E-mail resume to: webmaster@findlayoh.com

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BG News Advertising Staff:

February 1, 2000

I am sending this letter to thank you for your excellent work in advertising for Mid Am Property Management. We feel that the BG News has been an excellent resource for our advertising campaign. Our rental agency has been experiencing a tremendous response from the BG student community since we began to advertise with your paper, and because of that response, we have had no problem in quickly leasing every property that we own.

We are very satisfied with your efforts in keeping us up to date with our account and providing timely answers for any questions that we may have in regards to our advertising. We also appreciate knowing of your special editions, which help to further boost our sales. Your representatives have been very friendly and helpful in helping us plan our ad campaign. The BG News is an organization that operates with experience in excellence, which is very important to our agency.

Thanks once again,
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 Matt Rasor
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SENIOR PORTRAITS NEXT WEEK - 3 DAYS ONLY!

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372-8634. Portraits taken M-W from 10am-6 pm only.



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Room, board, and salary.
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avail. May 23

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Men's, Women's & Co-Rec
Volleyball entries due Feb. 29
Men's Inertube Water Polo
entries due Mar. 1
Men's & Women's
Indoor Soccer
entries due Mar. 15

If hand-delivering, due by 3:00pm to 130 Perry Field
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HOOP FINALS
Check out the hoop action at Anderson Arena
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When some of the Intramural Basketball
Championship games will be played.

SPORT CLUBS

Women's Club Ice Hockey
OSU
Saturday, February 26
10:15pm in the Ice Arena

Synchronized Skating
exhibition Saturday, February 26
between periods

REC SPORTS EMPLOYMENT

Look for Lifeguard &
Aerobic Instructor
applications available
beginning Monday,
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Vertical Adventures
Climbing Trip to Columbus, OH
Sunday, April 2, 2000 from 8:30am-6:00pm

Vertical Adventures has over
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surface. This trip will provide
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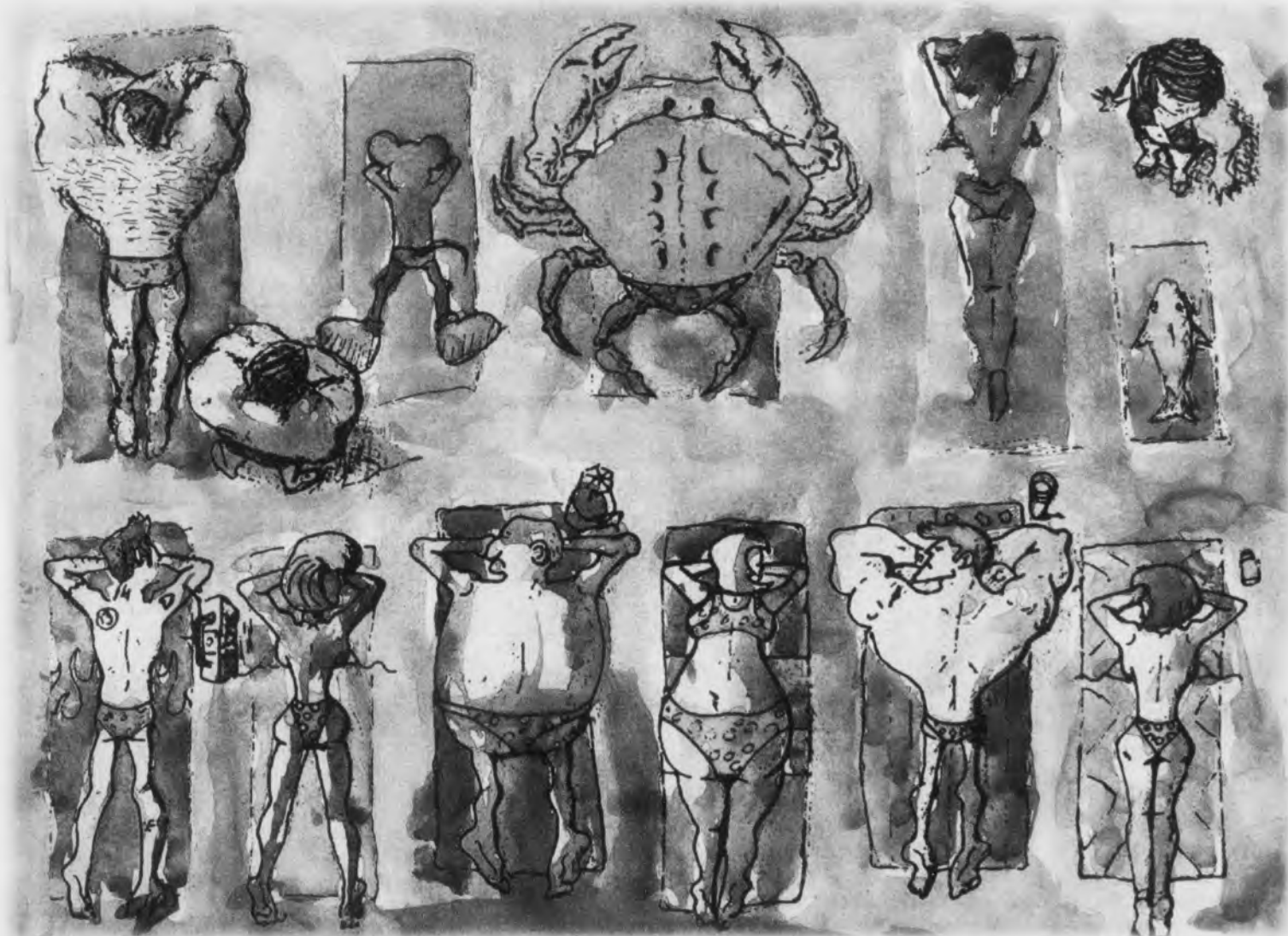
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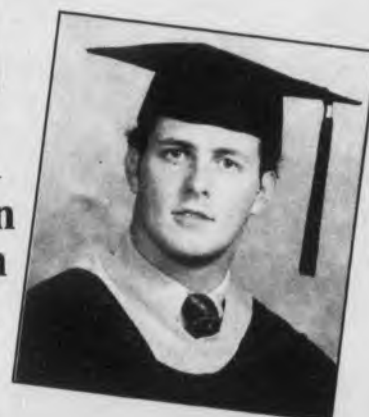
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Spring break is finally here. After a night of partying and clubbing with friends you end up spending the night with a member of the opposite sex. You have a significant other back home, but as the saying goes, "What happens on spring break, stays on spring break."

One night stands, cheating and hooking up are major parts of spring break. Students seem to let loose and shed all morals for one week a year to have the best spring break possible.

Kristen French, sophomore journalism major, is going to Iowa for spring break. She admits that it is not a major party spring break place, but that she does plan on partying a lot.

"Even though I am going to Iowa, I am going to be partying the whole week," she said. "I have a boyfriend so I plan on being faithful, but sex is definitely on the minds of most people during spring break."

Iowa seems like a safe place, but even so French's boyfriend is somewhat nervous.

"I think all people that are in serious relationships get nervous during spring break trips," she said. "For that one week everyone just does not seem to care where they come from, and they just live for the moment."

Jason Murphy, sophomore communications major, knows exactly what living for the moment is about.

On a previous spring break he got caught up in the moment and cheated on his girlfriend. They are no longer together, and Murphy said he learned his lesson.

"This spring break my girlfriend is coming with me, but even if she wasn't I would never cheat again," Murphy said.

Murphy thinks that spring break brings out the wild side of people.

"We work hard all year and then for one week we can cut loose and just go crazy," he said. "With the mixture of alcohol and the atmosphere, sex is definitely a major part of spring break."

Chaz Giles, sophomore business pre-law major, is going to South Beach with friends for spring break.

He thinks that spring break is such a crazy week because no one has any responsibilities to anything or anyone.

"People go wild and let down their guard," Giles said. "Sex happens, especially with all the alcohol."

Giles does not have a girlfriend, but is not going on spring break with the intention of hooking up.

"Whatever happens, happens," he said. "I just want to have a fun week with friends and if I meet a girl even better."



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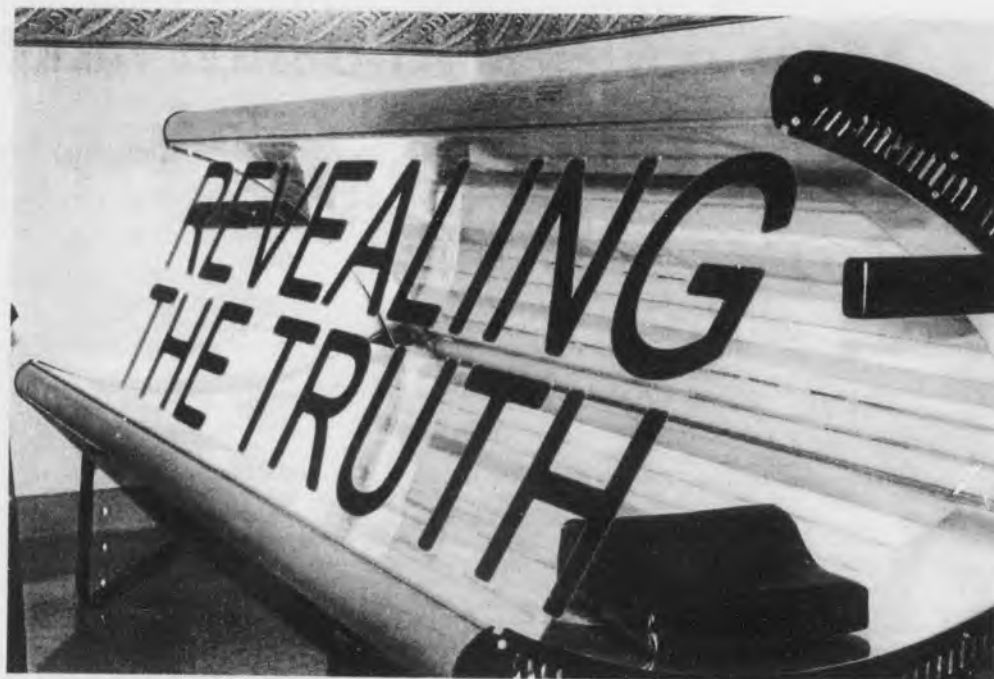
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Tanning beds may be more damaging than the sun



staff writer
BETH SHOEMAKER

While the weather outside is frightful, getting a tan can be delightful. Especially if that tan is in preparation for Spring Break and the tropical climates of Cancun, Jamaica or South Padre Island.

"Most of the people who are tanning right now are trying to get ready for spring break, or just want to keep up a natural color during the winter," said Adam Hittle, head receptionist at The Solarium.

Students who are dreaming of exotic locations with sandy beaches are already starting to work on their base tan, hoping to avoid that painful burn later.

Business at The Solarium, located on Ridge St., is booming. During the spring semester, Hittle said that most of the beds are in use all the time.

"In the spring, we have people in here tanning until 11 or 12:00 at night," he said. "All five beds and both booths run all day."

With Spring Break just a week away, it's not too early to start getting prepared. But, students may be causing more damage than they realize.

"The myth that a base tan is a healthy way to prevent burning is way off-base," Dr. Ralph Reeds Jr. said.

In fact, this local dermatologist said, "There's a widespread belief that tanning beds provide a safer way to tan, but that just isn't so."

Reeds said that skin damage is being done whether it's in a salon or on a beach towel in the backyard.

Many tanning salons promote themselves as safe alternatives because they use Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays instead of Ultraviolet B (UVB).

"These 'safer' lamps emit three times the amount of UVA rays that reach the earth outdoors," Reeds said.

The average 15 to 30 minute visit to a tanning salon equates to an entire day at the beach, according to recent studies conducted at Columbia University.

One million Americans a day are visiting thousands of tanning salons all across the country. The same number of people will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year alone, many as a result of too much exposure to ultraviolet radiation.

"We don't see a lot of concern about skin cancer among tanners," Reeds said. "That's disturbing."

"Every sign-in sheet that we have lists the problems that can occur as a result of too much exposure," Hittle said. "We warn everyone who comes in."

Skin cancer is not the only health concern associated with tanning. Other risks can include moles, premature

aging, wrinkling, skin and eye burns, photo-drug reactions, melanoma and sun poisoning.

"Most of the health risks linked to tanning are delayed effects that don't usually show for many years after exposure," Reeds said. "Unfortunately, because of that, young people are unaware of the damage they are doing."

Reeds said that he believes that cases of skin cancer will continue to increase as people who are now in their teens and twenties reach middle age.

However, Hittle said he thinks that customers at The Solarium are becoming more concerned about health problems associated with tanning.

"No one wants to look like a prune, and no one wants skin damage," he said. "Generally, after a person develops their base tan, they only come in two or three times a week."

If someone is a tanner, whether or not health problems develop is a matter of how often one is exposed to the sun or a tanning bed. For example, people who are naturally dark-skinned tolerate exposure better than someone with red hair and pale skin.

No one who tans is immune to potential skin problems, though.

"Regardless of your skin type, the more you tan, the greater your risk for health problems down the road," he said.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, there are several ways to prevent skin damage caused by exposure to ultraviolet radiation:

- Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15.

- Reapply sunscreen every two hours when outdoors, even on cloudy days.

- Wear protective, tightly-woven clothing, sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat when outdoors.

- Stay in the shade whenever possible.

- Avoid tanning beds.

"Anytime you do something in excess, there are going to be problems," Hittle said. "If you smoke too much, you're going to develop lung cancer. If you are exposed to too much UV radiation, you're probably going to develop some type of skin problem."

"The dangers of tanning outweigh the cosmetic benefits," Reeds said. "It just isn't a risk worth taking."

"No one wants to look like a prune, and no one wants skin damage."

Most college students want little coverage

staff writer
THERESA BECK

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This season, spring break will be hotter than ever with the latest swim wear in a wide variety of colors and styles.

Local retailers and department stores have introduced new lines of swimsuits for women from cruise wear to tankinis. These suits will feature a tank top and boy short bottoms.

The tankini gives women an opportunity to wear a two piece suit without bearing it all. It keeps the bikini look, but has a fun sporty twist.

"I am selling a lot of the bikini tops and tank tops," said Holly Harman, sales associate at JC Penney. "Not everyone is drawn to the tank top because it is hard to get a good tan while wearing it."

For those who are brave enough to bare it all, the bikini still remains an old fashioned favorite.

"The bikini is the hottest style for college women. They are young and need to show everything off," said Everlena Johnson, sales associate for Dillard's. "The one piece is for older women."

In cruise wear, orange, lime green, hot pink and electric blue are the popular colors you will see this sea-

son. They are fun, tropical and perfect for the beach or the deck of a cruise ship.

The benefit of this season's swimwear is that tops and bottoms can be purchased separately. With this option you can select the style you want and custom fit the suit to your body without having to purchase more than one swimsuit.

Another new addition this season is the wrap. Wraps can be purchased in a variety of colors and styles to match all kinds of swimwear. They come in a variety of lengths, from full body cover to a simple tie around, and in any material, from terrycloth to silk.

The new line for men is more on the traditional side. Polo, Nautica and Tommy Hilfiger stick to the red, white and blue coloring on the classic drawstring swim trunks.

Tommy Bahama, a fictional character created by Tommy, has the only unique line this season. Tommy features a line of swimwear from the city or country.

"Tommy takes a trip every year," said Karen Reny, sales manager for Jacobson's department store. "This year he is in Hawaii, and his line features a wide variety of flowers and hibiscus plants in bright yellow and blue."



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How some students afford that dream vacation while attending school

staff writer

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Air fare. Gasoline. Hotel rooms. Food. The costs of spring break trips rise rapidly, but most students' parents don't contribute to the expenses.

"One time in high school, they paid for me to go to California, but now I'm in college and I'm responsible for myself," said Tony Hoffman, sophomore telecommunications major.

"My parents pay for my tuition and that's enough," agreed Erin Rogers, junior social studies education major.

Some parents, however, do contribute to students' spring break trips.

"I'm going to Tampa this year, and my parents are paying for part of it because they're nice," said Nicole Cotterman, freshman marketing major. "But I pay for the other part of it with my work."

When parents don't contribute to students' expenses, they have to pay for it by working or using their savings.

"I'm going to Toronto this spring break," said Clint LaForest, freshman VCT major. "I work in the Off-Campus Student Center computer lab, and that's how I'm paying for it."

"I'm going to work and also use some of my savings to pay for my trip," said Kelly Putnam, freshman psychology major. "I want to go to

New England."

"I work for the Village of Holland Fire Department, and that's how I'm funding my trip to Panama City beach," Hoffman said. "It really isn't that hard to pay for it."

Some students also look for ways to offset the costs of their trips by traveling in groups or finding cheaper ways to travel.

"My hotel room should cost \$90 for three nights, but I'm splitting the cost with my friends," LaForest said.

"When I went to Toronto last year, I took the train instead of driving," Rogers said. "It helped because I didn't have to pay for gas, but I still had to work extra at Bob Evans to pay for the trip."

Other students can't take spring break trips because they don't have enough money to pay for them.

"I have to work to pay for my college, and it's just too expensive to take a spring break trip," said Caleb Ziebold, freshman mechanical design major.



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any companies are jumping on the new spring break bandwagon.

Besides offering traditional lodging, transportation and airport transfers, companies today are also promising seven days of bikini contests, 40 hours of free alcohol and daily beach parties at prices too good to be true.

And they just might be.

According to the Springbreak.com site on the World Wide Web, all of their "knowledgeable reservationists have been to all destinations."

However when contacted, Rob, a reservationist, had never been to South Padre Island, Tex., but was sure another operator at that company must have. It was, after all, a company policy.

He had not been to Panama City, Fla. either.

Julie Sandwisch, a junior, was enticed by the spring break ads in University newspapers and various web pages. She called Student Travel. Soon, she was sent literature, pamphlets and information about becoming a campus representative.

She was skeptical about the commit-

ment, although she was under no legal or financial obligations to the company and spoke with a company representative.

"In the end I decided I couldn't sell their tours," Julie said. "My instincts told me something just wasn't right."

Kim, a representative from Spring Break Travel, promised all costs were included in the published prices. The price included 14 meals, six hours of free welcome cocktails, flight, hotel transfers and hotel accommodations.

She then added, however, that travel insurance, luggage insurance, a hotel deposit and extra money were recommended. Also, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due when signing a contract.

"No exceptions," she said.

Angie Gerhan, a sophomore early education major, is eagerly awaiting her third spring break trip with all of her friends.

"We have always booked everything on our own," she said. "You just can't trust those companies...there are too many scary stories floating around."

For Jon Anderson, a senior at Central Michigan University, a dream trip to

Cancun, Mexico turned into a living nightmare. In 1997, eight guys booked a seven-day trip with a local spring break travel company.

Anderson said the company, "Spring Break Party Trips" never sent a final itinerary. Two days before they were scheduled to leave he ended up calling the airline that was to fly them down.

No reservations existed under any of their names.

All the men had paid over \$700 in full and had no way to get to Mexico.

The company was not available for comment. It disconnected all phone lines and advertisements disappeared from the campus.

To avoid spring break nightmares, students should schedule the trip themselves. If this is not possible, students can call the Better Business Bureau to see if a company is reputable, or ask the company for referrals. Students can also call the actual hotels the company is advertising and request a brochure.

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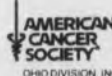
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"Students need to be careful that they stay with their friends when drinking, and not to wander off."

Mixing alcohol and the sun can lead to overexposure, dehydration

staff writer
NICOLE VALEK

With spring break just around the corner, sunbathing on the beach and sipping margaritas are on the mind. What many people forget however, are the dangers of mixing alcohol and the sun.

Bill Arck, director of Alcohol and other Drug Education Services, said people need to be aware of the danger involving alcohol and the climate.

"Alcohol dehydrates a drinker. It takes eight ounces of water to oxidize a can of beer from the body, so you are taking water from the system," Arck said.

People also tend to forget that the water quality in other countries is not always good and normally tourists are advised to avoid drinking the water. So, after a heavy day of drinking it is hard to replenish body fluids.

"Drinking alcohol acts somewhat like a diuretic, so one is more likely to become dehydrated," said Elayne Jacoby, nurse clinician for student health services. "Basically alcohol affects heat tolerance, leading to dehydration."

Alcohol dilates blood vessels which makes the body more susceptible to the sun.

According to Noelle

Muscattello, travel consultant at Royalton Travel Services, "Clients don't realize that spring break spots like Cancun are near the equator, and you can get some serious sun poisoning."

One of the biggest problems with mixing alcohol and the sun is overexposure.

Spending a whole day soaking up rays and drinking alcohol makes one apt to fall asleep and get sunburned. This can lead to blistering, heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

Muscattello stated, "We have clients who have come back from their vacations recovering from heat stroke. We stress to bring along lots of sunscreen and only buy bottled water."

The greatest danger from alcohol occurs when the drinker becomes more clumsy and less mentally sharp.

When intoxicated, mental activities such as behavior, speech, memory and reasoning are slowed down.

People also tend to do things they normally would not do, which can be dangerous when in an unfamiliar place.

"Students need to be careful that they stay with their friends when drinking, and not to wander off," Muscattello said.

"It is also advisable to stay away from strangers and not to get in cars with them."

Along with not being able to think clearly, one may find themselves in a situation where he or she could be taken advantage of.

According to Gil Paez, sophomore business major, "Due to high amounts of alcohol consumption, people have unprotected sex more frequently. This increases the spread of diseases."

A sexually transmitted disease is definitely one souvenir that nobody wants to bring home from spring break.

Alcohol also affects coordination. Its actions are depressed by alcohol, meaning that movements are less coordinated and reflexes are slower.

Normally, vacationing entails swimming, water skiing, boating and maybe even scuba diving. If the body is not alert during these activities, drowning becomes a serious threat.

So, before drinking that second margarita, make sure you aren't putting yourself in danger of ruining a wonderful spring break.



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"It's not healthy to try and starve yourself and workout excessively."

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STEFANIE SIZEMORE

Spring break is only two weeks away and that diet you have been putting off for the last few months starts this Monday. Can you lose those extra pounds and go to spring break looking like a million bucks?

"It is impossible, but everybody seems to try," said Brad Purski, Hard Body's Fitness Center employee.

According to Purski, anyone who wants to get in shape for spring break needed to start a long time ago.

"If you want to look good for spring break you should have started a workout program months ago," he said. "Getting in shape takes work and a lot of time."

Purski said people need to think in advance and really try to get in shape the healthy way.

"To get in shape for spring break or any time, you need to exercise regularly and stick to a healthy diet," he said. "It's not healthy to try and starve yourself and workout excessively."

Purski said that people come to the gym and expect to look great in a short amount of time.

"We have people in here a week before spring break doing sit-ups and running and expecting things to happen that just are not going to happen," he said. "When you try to get in shape you need to be patient and give yourself time."

Andy Butler, senior business major, works at Cherrywood Health Spa and has noticed business picking up in the last few weeks.

Butler agrees with Purski that it is impossible to get in shape in two or three weeks.

"The best thing to do if you want to tone up in weeks is to run a lot and eat healthy but even then there will be no drastic changes," Butler said. "The key is to start early and if you are starting now, it is too late."

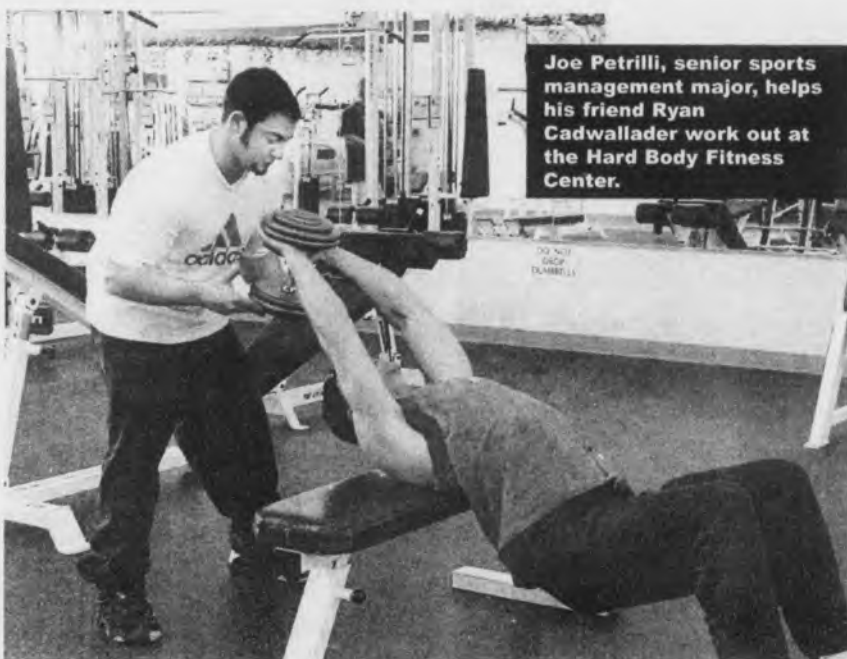
Quick work-outs won't work

Jenny Carter, junior computer science major, is going to Florida for spring break. She thinks that people who expect the perfect body in weeks are kidding themselves.

"If you just need to drop a few pounds you will be all right but if you expect a drastic change you are crazy," she said.

Carter is just watching her diet and exercising to prepare for spring break.

"I am not really worried about it, but I am watching my diet more the closer spring break comes," she said. "Nobody thinks they have the perfect body, so the important thing is to just have a great spring break."



Joe Petrilli, senior sports management major, helps his friend Ryan Cadwallader work out at the Hard Body Fitness Center.

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Local businesses help fund trips

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Spring break fever is officially here. To celebrate, several Bowling Green businesses and organizations are giving away prizes to aid students in their trips over break.

Uptown-Downtown, a popular local sportsbar and deli, gave away two trips for two to Nassau Beach, Bahamas—including round-trip airfare and hotel accommodations—to some lucky students on Feb. 10. They also gave out dozens of other prizes, including T-shirts and sweatshirts sporting the Uptown-Downtown logo.

According to owner, Jeff Hobbie, the giveaway has become a traditional way to demonstrate his appreciation for his customers.

"It's kind of a traditional giveaway party for all the patronage over the years," Hobbie said. Uptown-Downtown recently celebrated its 21st anniversary.

On the same night, the newly renovated Stardust gave away a \$200 cash prize to be used towards a student's spring break celebration.

In addition, the Tanning Center, in celebration of its own 20th anniversary, will be giving away a spring break prize of \$100 in cash next week.

The BG News, through a sponsor, is giving away two spring break trips for two to Cancun, Mexico. The winners will fly for free from Detroit to Cancun and stay in quad occupancy beachfront hotel rooms.

Two weeks ago, entry forms were randomly inserted into 100 papers every day. One winner, Scott Kruszynski, freshman telecommunications major, was selected from those 500 entries on Friday, Feb. 11. Unfortunately, because none of his friends were able to accompany him, he was unable to accept the prize.

According to BG News advertising manager, Todd Wise, the main goal was to increase readership. Now that other free papers are available throughout campus, like USA Today and the Toledo Blade, there is concern that students will be using other publications as their news source.

A second drawing for another trip to Cancun occurred on Friday, Feb. 18. 500 more entry forms were once again randomly inserted into copies of The BG News throughout campus. Last week's winner was Kelly Tebben.

In order to increase attendance at sporting events, The BG News is working in conjunction with the athletic department to give away even more prizes.

Several prizes were given out

on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the men's basketball game against Eastern Michigan. Entries for those drawings were printed in the form of sports trivia quizzes in every copy of The BG News last week. Prizes included a third trip for two to Cancun as well as a \$500 travel voucher from AAA. David Metz was the winner of the third Cancun trip.

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